Libertas Benevolentia et Concordia.

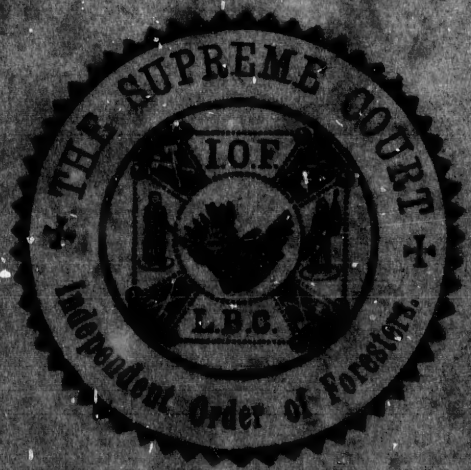
UNIFORM CONSTITUTION AND LAWS

—FOR—

Supreme, High, and Subordinate Courts,

—AND FOR—

Encampments of Royal Foresters.



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ERRATA.

PAGE 15.—Section 15, Sub-section (12), add the following words to end of Sub-section: "*provided that* a bonded Officer who is re-elected may be held on his former bonds, at the discretion of the Supreme Chief Ranger or of the Executive Council."

PAGE 31.—Section 38, Sub-section (2), insert the words "free of charge" after the words "to attend" in the first line of the Sub-section, and in Section 38, Sub-section (5), insert the words "by each Subordinate Court" between the words "to be paid" and "at the end of each quarter" in last line of said Sub-section.

PAGE 52.—Section 79, Sub-section (3), strike out all after the words "fee of *one* dollar" in second line, and insert in place thereof the following:

"And if required by the Supreme Chief Ranger, the applicant must also give satisfactory evidence of his loyalty to the Order at the time of the suspension, surrender or forfeiture of the Dispensation or Charter of the Court."

Upon complying with all the foregoing requirements, the Supreme Chief Ranger shall issue to such brother a card as a member-at-large, which card shall remain good for one year, provided the brother continues to pay all demands against him, as provided in the Constitution and Laws. At the end of each year he must make application to have his card renewed for another year.

PAGE 52.—Section 79, Sub-section (4), insert between the words "but they may be" and "readmitted" in *eighth line*, the following words:

"Reinstated as provided in Sections *one hundred and seven* and *one hundred and eight*, in so far as they can be made to apply, or they may be."

PAGE 69.—Section 120, Sub-section (9), strike out the words "Enrolment Fee," and insert instead thereof the words "Registration Fee."

PAGE 73.—Section 129, Sub-section (4), strike out the words "an Enrolment Fee," and insert instead thereof the words "a Registration Fee."

PAGE 91.—Section 177, strike out the words an "Enrolment Fee" in third line, and insert instead thereof the words "a Registration Fee."

PAGE 110.—Section 222, commencing with the words "the Court Physician" in the fifth line to the end of the Section to form the first part of Section 38, Sub-section (1).

PAGES 78 and 113.—Section 228 to form Sub-section (9) of Section 138.

PAGES 76 and 114.—Section 232 to form Sub-section (8) of Section 134, and the present Sub-section (8) to become Sub-section (7).

PAGE 115.—Strike out Section 233.

PAGE 119.—Section 251, Sub-section (1), strike out the word "brother," and insert instead thereof the word "agent."

PAGE 121.—Strike out Section 255.

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CHARTER FEE.

It is to be distinctly understood that the Charter Fee is paid for the privilege of instituting a Court, and not for the purpose of paying for any supplies. The Dispensation, Charter, Rituals, Seal and all other supplies are given in trust—*not sold*—to Courts, to be used only for the purposes of the Independent Order of Foresters; and whenever a Court becomes defunct from any cause whatsoever, the Dispensation, Charter, Rituals, Seal and all Supplies, Funds, Furniture, Regalia or other property and effects accumulated by such Court, shall be delivered over to the Supreme Chief Ranger or to any one who may be appointed by him, to be held, subject to the order of the Supreme Court or Executive Council, for the sole use of the Independent Order of Foresters. (See Section *one hundred and twenty-one*, Subsection *two*, of the Constitution.)

Chambers of Court.....*No*.....

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.....*day of*.....*A. D. 188*....

I hereby accept and subscribe to the within Constitution, Laws, Rules of Order and Regulations of the Supreme Court of the Independent Order of Foresters, and promise to be bound by and conform to the provisions of the same, or to any amendments thereof, which may be adopted from time to time by the Supreme Court.

Signed.....

DECLARATION

OF INCORPORATION OF THE SUPREME COURT OF THE INDEPENDENT ORDER OF FORESTERS.

We, the undersigned, do hereby declare that we are desirous of establishing and incorporating an Order in the Province of Ontario, under the Provisions of the Revised Statutes of Ontario, Chapter One Hundred and Sixty-seven, under the name of "The Supreme Court of the Independent Order of Foresters."

The purposes of the said Order are: (1) To provide by monthly and special assessments, as provided by the Laws of the said Order, Benefit Funds, to be paid to the widows and orphans or legal heirs of deceased members of the Order on attaining the age of seventy years, and to be paid to sick members during a portion of their illness, and also to be paid to the families of deceased members to pay funeral expenses. (2) And for the mutual assistance, enjoyment, entertainment and improvement of the members, socially and morally, by the practice of provident and benevolent usages, and by advancing and spreading the Order and increasing the membership thereof.

The names of those who are to be the first Trustees and Managing Officers are:

EDWARD BOTTERELL, Past Supreme Chief Ranger, Ottawa,
ORONHYATEKHA, M.D., Supreme Chief Ranger, London,
H. L. BOTTOMS, Supreme Vice-Chief Ranger, Belleville,
E. S. CUMMER, Supreme Secretary, Hamilton,
EDWARD TOWE, Supreme Treasurer, London,
C. S. ELLIOT, Supreme Counsellor, London,
THOMAS MILLMAN, M.D., Supreme Physician, London Township,

who shall hold office until the election of their successors at the annual meeting, which shall be held in the City of Hamilton, on the last Tuesday in June, A.D. 1882. And the annual meetings thereafter shall be held at such time as shall be fixed by the Constitution and Laws of the Order, and

shall be held in the City of London, or in such other places in the Dominion of Canada as the elective Officers, Past Executive Officers and Representatives, at the previous annual meeting, shall determine by majority vote. Each elective Officer, Past Executive Officer and Representative shall have one vote, and the majority of votes cast shall decide all questions, unless otherwise provided for in the Constitution and Laws of the Order. All votes shall be cast personally. All Officers and Representatives shall be eligible for re-election, or election to any of the offices.

Signed in duplicate this 18th day of July, A.D. One Thousand Eight Hundred and Eighty-One.

EDWARD BOTTERELL, Past Supreme Chief Ranger.
ORONHYATEKHA, M.D.. Supreme Chief Ranger.
H. L. BOTTOMS, Supreme Vice-Chief Ranger.
E. S. CUMMER, Supreme Secretary.
EDWARD TOWE, Supreme Treasurer.
C. S. ELLIOT, Supreme Counsellor.
T. MILLMAN, M.D., Supreme Physician.

I hereby certify that the within Declaration is in conformity with Chapter One Hundred and Sixty-seven of the Revised Statutes of Ontario, entitled "An Act respecting Benevolent, Provident and other Societies."

Dated this 21st day of July, A.D. 1881.

WILLIAM ELLIOT,
Judge County Middlesex.

I hereby certify that a Duplicate of the within was duly filed in the office of the Provincial Registrar of the Province of Ontario, on the 23rd day of July, A.D. 1881.

JOHN F. C. USSHER,
Deputy Provincial Registrar.

Provincial Registrar's Office,
Toronto, 23rd July, 1881.

SUPREME COURT CONSTITUTION.

NAME.

1. This Body shall be known by the name, style and title of "THE SUPREME COURT OF THE INDEPENDENT ORDER OF FORESTERS."

COMPOSITION.

2. It shall be composed of its Officers, Past Executive Officers, and the Representatives from the High Courts of the Order, who are members in good standing in the Order.

POWERS.

3. The Supreme Court has power to establish branches to be known and hailed as "High Courts," and "Subordinate Courts," and "Encampments," and to make its own Constitution and Laws, and the Constitution and Laws for the Regulation and Government of the whole Order, and possesses original and exclusive jurisdiction over all High Courts, and Subordinate Courts and Encampments, now existing, or which may hereafter receive and work under Charters granted by this Supreme Court. It is the Supreme Tribunal of the Order, and without its sanction no Court or Encampment can be formed or continue to exist. It possesses the sole right and power, in the manner hereinafter provided, of granting or suspending Charters, receiving and deciding appeals, and redressing grievances arising in the Order; originating and regulating the means of its own support; deciding all questions arising out of the Constitution and Laws, Rules and Regulations, or the By-laws of the High Courts, or of the Subordinate Courts, or of the Encampments; and the doing of all other acts necessary to govern and regulate and promote the interests of the Order.

OBJECTS OF THE ORDER.

4. (1) To unite fraternally all persons of sound bodily and mental health and good moral character, who are socially acceptable, and under fifty-five years of age.

(2) To give all moral and material aid in its power to its members and those dependent upon them.

(3) To educate its members socially, morally and intellectually.

(4) To establish a fund for the relief of sick and distressed members.

(5) To establish a Benefit Fund, from which, on satisfactory evidence of the death of a member of the Order who has complied with all its lawful requirements, a sum not exceeding *three thousand* dollars shall be paid to the widow, orphans, dependents, or other beneficiary whom the member may have constitutionally designated, or to the personal representative of the member; or, upon the completion of the Expectancy of Life of a member, as laid down in this Constitution, such sum shall be paid to himself.

(6) To secure for its members—

[*a*] Free medical attendance;
[*b*] *Five* dollars per week sick benefit;
[*c*] *Fifty* dollars funeral benefit;
[*d*] *One hundred* dollars, *two hundred* dollars, or *three hundred* dollars a year after passing *seventieth* birthday;
[*e*] *Five hundred* dollars, *one thousand* dollars, or *fifteen hundred* dollars on total and permanent disability.

SESSIONS.

(A) OF THE SUPREME COURT.

5. (1) The Supreme Court shall meet annually at such time and place as may have been selected by a majority of the votes cast at the previous annual session.

(2) Special meetings may be called by the Supreme Chief Ranger whenever he deems it to be in the interests of the Order, and shall be called upon the written request of one-

fifth of the members in good standing upon the roll of the Supreme Court; or upon the request of a majority of the Executive Council; and the Supreme Secretary shall notify, by letter, each member of the Supreme Court of such special meeting, immediately on being requested to do so by the Supreme Chief Ranger, and in which he shall state the object of calling such special meeting. At least *thirty days'* notice must be given to the members for all special sessions, provided always, that if the Executive Council determine that it is a case of emergency *ten days'* notice shall be sufficient; such notice may be given by letter to each officer or member of the Supreme Court, or by an official circular published in the official organ of the Supreme Court; such notice to commence on the day of mailing such letters, or on the date of the publication of such official organ. No business shall be transacted at any special session except that mentioned in the call.

(B) OF HIGH COURTS.

(3) A High Court shall meet in regular session at such time and place as may have been designated at its preceding session.

(4) Special sessions may be called either by the Supreme Chief Ranger, or by the High Chief Ranger, or by the High Standing Committee, and must be called upon a petition to the High Chief Ranger, signed by at least a majority of the Representatives entitled to seats in the High Court. No business shall be considered or transacted at a special session except such as are specified in the call.

(5) At least *thirty days'* notice from the High Secretary shall be given of such special session; provided, that in case of emergency, *ten days'* notice shall be sufficient; such notice to be given, by letter, to every Officer or Representative, and every Subordinate Court; or by an official circular published in the official organ of the Supreme Court; notice to commence from the day said letters are mailed, or such official organ is published.

(C) OF SUBORDINATE COURTS.

(6) The regular sessions of a Subordinate Court shall be held at least once a month, or at such time and place as may

be fixed in its By-laws; provided, however, that if a Court meets but once a month, such meeting shall be held on or after the *fifteenth day* of each month.

SELECTION OF PLACE OF MEETING.

6. (1) The selection of the time and place for holding the next annual meeting of the Supreme or of a High Court shall be determined immediately after the election of Officers. A majority of all the votes cast shall be requisite to decide.

(2) If no time or place is selected for the annual meeting of the Supreme or of a High Court, as above provided, then the Executive Council, or the High Standing Committee, as the case may be, shall make the selection at least *thirty days* before the session.

QUORUM

(A) OF THE SUPREME COURT.

7. (1) One-fifth of the members in good standing on the roll of the Supreme Court at the time must be present before the Supreme Court can be opened for the transaction of business, but a less number may adjourn from time to time till a quorum is obtained.

(B) OF A HIGH COURT.

(2) At a regular or an adjourned session of a High Court, one-fourth of the qualified members, including either the High Chief Ranger, a Past High Chief Ranger, High Vice-Chief Ranger, High Secretary, High Treasurer, High Physician or High Counsellor, and at special sessions one-third of the members, including two of said Officers, shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. Less than this number can adjourn from day to day and act upon the credentials of Representatives, and admit them to seats in the High Court.

(C) OF A SUBORDINATE COURT.

(3) The quorum of a Subordinate Court shall be *five* members in good standing in such Courts.

OPENING A SESSION.

8. (1) The Supreme Court or a High Court shall be opened at the time and place specified for its meetings, and if a quorum be present shall proceed to business. If there be no quorum present within one *half hour*, the Presiding Officer may adjourn the meeting from time to time, until a quorum shall appear.

PRESIDING OFFICER.

(2) In the absence of the Supreme Chief Ranger, the Junior Past Supreme Chief Ranger shall preside; and in the absence of the High Chief Ranger, the Junior Past High Chief Ranger shall preside; if both these Officers be absent, the Senior Past Supreme Chief Ranger, or the Senior Past High Chief Ranger present, as the case may be, shall take the chair; and if no Past Presiding Officer be present, the Supreme Vice-Chief Ranger or the High Vice-Chief Ranger, as the case may be, shall preside; and in the absence of all these Officers, a temporary organization shall take place, and a Presiding Officer chosen from the Officers or members present.

(3) In the absence of the Chief Ranger of a Subordinate Court, the Senior Past Chief Ranger present shall preside; and if no Past Chief Ranger is present, then the Vice-Chief Ranger or the next Junior Officer present shall preside.

OFFICERS

(A) OF THE SUPREME COURT.—ELECTIVE OFFICERS.

9. (1) The Elective Officers of the Supreme Court shall be as follows:

Supreme Chief Ranger,
" Vice-Chief Ranger,
" Secretary,
" Treasurer,
" Physician,
" Counsellor,

two members of the Medical Board, and two Auditors,

(2) The appointed Officers shall be as follows:

Supreme Chaplain,
" Journal-Secretary,
" Senior Woodward,
" Junior Woodward,
" Senior Beadle,
" Junior Beadle,
" Marshal,
" Conductor,
" Messenger.

(B) OF HIGH COURTS.—ELECTIVE OFFICERS.

(3) The Elective Officers of a High Court shall be as follows:

High Chief Ranger,
" Vice-Chief Ranger,
" Secretary,
" Treasurer,
" Physician,
" Counsellor,
" Auditors.

(4) The appointed Officers shall be as follows:

High Chaplain,
" Journal-Secretary,
" Senior Woodward,
" Junior Woodward,
" Senior Beadle,
" Junior Beadle,
" Marshal,
" Conductor,
" Messenger.

(C) OF SUBORDINATE COURTS.

The Elective Officers of a Subordinate Court shall be as follows:

Chief Ranger,
Vice-Chief Ranger,

Recording Secretary,
Financial Secretary,
Treasurer,
Chaplain,
Physician,
Senior Woodward,
Junior Woodward,
Senior Beadle,
Junior Beadle.

ELIGIBILITY FOR OFFICE

(A) IN THE SUPREME COURT.

10. (1) All members of the Supreme Court shall be equally eligible for any of the offices, except as provided in Section *two hundred and twenty-two* of the General Laws, and except that the Supreme Physician shall be a duly qualified physician, and legally entitled to practice his profession; and the Supreme Counsellor shall be a duly qualified member of the legal profession.

(B) IN THE HIGH COURT.

(2) All members of a High Court shall be equally eligible for any of the offices in the High Court, except that the High Physician shall be a duly qualified physician, and legally entitled to practice his profession; and the High Counsellor shall be a duly qualified member of the legal profession.

(C) IN THE SUBORDINATE COURT.

(3) All members of a Subordinate Court shall be equally eligible to any of the offices in the Court, except that the Physician shall be a duly qualified physician, and legally entitled to practice his profession; and except that a Court Deputy High Chief Ranger cannot at the same time hold the office of Financial Secretary or Treasurer; and except that an honorary member or a social member shall not be eligible for the office of Chief Ranger, or for the post of Representative to the High Court.

NOMINATION OF OFFICERS.

11. (1) The nomination of officers of the Supreme Court, or of a High Court, shall take place at each annual meeting thereof, on the morning of the third day of such annual meeting, immediately after the reading and confirmation of the minutes, unless the Supreme Court or High Court, as the case may be, is sooner ready to adjourn.

(2) The nomination of Officers in a Subordinate Court shall take place on the last regular meetings in June and December of each year.

(3) Any Officer or member shall have the right to make any nomination, and the nominations shall be taken in the order in which they are made. A brother may be nominated whether present or not, but he can not be elected unless he is at the time present, except by unanimous consent.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

12. (1) The elections shall immediately follow the nominations for each office, and the nominations for the next succeeding office shall not be made till the election for the preceding office shall have taken place.

(2) When there is more than one candidate nominated for any office, the election shall be by ballot, and a majority of all the votes cast shall be necessary to elect. The candidate receiving the least number of votes on each ballot shall be dropped until an election is had. When there is only one candidate nominated, he shall at once be declared elected.

(3) At every election the Presiding Officer shall appoint three Tellers to count the ballots; after which such ballots shall be sealed up and placed in the hands of the Presiding Officer of the Body.

(4) At any time before final adjournment, any two members of the Body may demand a recount of the ballots, and which shall forthwith be done by the Presiding Officer, the Vice and the Secretary of the Body, and the two members

demanding the recount. The result of such recount shall be final as to such ballot.

(5) Immediately before the final adjournment the Supreme Chief Ranger, High Chief Ranger, or Chief Ranger, as the case may be, shall destroy said ballots.

APPOINTMENT OF OFFICERS.

13. Immediately after the elections, the Supreme Chief Ranger-elect, or the High Chief Ranger-elect, as the case may be, shall appoint from among the Officers and members present of the Supreme Court, or of a High Court, as the case may be, the appointed Officers, whose term of office shall be for one year, or till the next annual session, or till their successors are duly appointed and installed; except that the Journal-Secretary shall be appointed by the Supreme or High Secretary, as the case may be, at the opening of each session.

INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS.

14. (1) The installation of the Officers in the Supreme or High Court shall take place immediately after the selection of the next place of meeting, unless otherwise ordered by a two-thirds vote of the Supreme Court or of a High Court, as the case may be.

(2) The installation of the Officers of a Subordinate Court shall take place upon the first regular meeting in July and January of each year.

(3) In cities and towns or other localities where there are two or more Courts, the Officers of such Courts may be installed together at a convocation of the Encampment by the Illustrious Officers of such Encampment, or at a union meeting called for the purpose, at such time in July and January as such Courts may agree upon.

(4) All Officers-elect must be clear on the books previous to installation.

(5) No bonded Officer can be installed or enter upon the duties of his office until his bond has been duly executed, approved and delivered to the Supreme Chief Ranger, or

to the High Chief Ranger, or to a duly qualified Deputy, or other installing Officer.

(6) If any Officer to be installed is absent at the time of installation, the office held by such absentee may be, by a majority vote of the Supreme Court, High Court, or Subordinate Court, as the case may be, declared vacant, and the vacancy forthwith filled by a new election or a new appointment, or the installation of the absentee be postponed, or the installation may take place by proxy.

(7) Officers who have been already installed, and who have been re-elected to the same office, shall continue to hold their office on their former obligations instead of being re-installed.

BONDS.

15. (1) The Supreme Secretary, the Supreme Treasurer, the High Secretary, the High Treasurer, and the Financial Secretary and the Treasurer of a Subordinate Court shall each be a bonded Officer.

(2) The bonds of the Supreme Secretary or the Supreme Treasurer shall not be less than *two thousand* dollars each, or it may be any larger sum which the Supreme Court or Executive Council may require; and the bonds of the High Secretary or of the High Treasurer shall be fixed at not less than *one thousand* dollars, or at any larger sum that may be determined by the High Court or High Standing Committee.

(3) Each of said bonds shall be signed by at least two good sureties, who shall each justify that they are worth in real estate, in the Dominion of Canada, or, in the case of High Court Officers in the country where the High Court is situated, over and above their liabilities, exemptions and homestead rights, twice the amount of the bond.

(4) If at any time, in the opinion of the Supreme Court, or of a High Court, if in session, or of the Executive Council, or of the High Standing Committee, as the case may be, in the interim of sessions it may be deemed advisable to require any bonded Officer to give a new and better bond, or bonds in a larger amount, they shall give such an Officer

notice in writing to file such a bond for approval within *thirty days*. A failure on the part of the Officer, so directed, to comply with such notice will work a disqualification for the office he holds and create a vacancy, which must be filled as herein provided.

(5) All bonds shall be executed in favor of the Supreme Chief Ranger, and, after approval, shall be filed with and kept by him.

(6) If a bonded Officer-elect shall be unable to furnish an acceptable bond before adjournment, the Supreme Court, or the High Court, as the case may be, may grant him not more than *fifteen days* in which to offer such a bond as shall be approved of by the Executive Council, or by the High Standing Committee, as the case may be, before he can enter upon the duties of the office.

(7) If a satisfactory bond is not furnished by such Officer within the said *fifteen days*, he shall thereby forfeit the office to which he shall have been elected, and the vacancy duly filled, as provided for in this Constitution.

(8) The old Officer shall not deliver up any moneys, books, papers, or other property in his possession or custody until his successor has duly qualified by giving the required bond, unless required so to do by the Executive Council, or by the High Standing Committee, as the case may be.

(9) In case of a vacancy and an appointment, as aforesaid, the appointee shall be installed by the Supreme Chief Ranger, or by the High Chief Ranger, as the case may be, or by a special Deputy appointed by either the Supreme Chief Ranger or by a High Chief Ranger.

(10) The Financial Secretary and the Treasurer of a Subordinate Court shall each give a bond in the sum of *two hundred* dollars, or in any higher sum that the Subordinate Court may determine.

(11) Whenever a Subordinate Court, by a two-thirds vote, directs a bonded Officer to give a new and better bond, he must furnish the same at or before the next ensuing meeting after having received notice of the matter. Should such a bond not be furnished and approved, the Court, by the same

vote, may grant the Officer until the next meeting to furnish the same. Failing to satisfy the Court, the station of such Officer shall be declared vacant by the Chief Ranger, and the retiring Officer directed to turn over all moneys and property in his hands to the Chief Ranger, and an election to fill the vacancy ordered forthwith.

(12) Bonds must be given or renewed after each election or re-election, and the expenses connected with the execution of a bond shall be borne by the Court.

DUTIES OF OFFICERS

(A) OF THE SUPREME COURT.

SUPREME CHIEF RANGER.

16. (1) It shall be the duty of the Supreme Chief Ranger to preside at all meetings of the Supreme Court or Executive Council.

(2) To have a general superintendence of the affairs of the Order and the promotion of its growth.

(3) To report in writing all his actions to the Supreme Court.

(4) To conform to and be in accord with and receive the sanction of the Executive Council in his executive actions.

(5) To appoint all Committees required by law, except the appointment thereof be otherwise ordered by motion of the Supreme Court.

(6) To select in December and June semi-annual pass-words, to take effect on January 1st and July 1st, and furnish the same, through the Supreme Secretary, to the Supreme Officers, Deputy Supreme Chief Rangers, High Chief Rangers and High Secretaries.

(7) To sign all cheques on the Funds drawn in accordance with the Laws of the Order.

(8) To sign all documents and papers that require his signature to properly authenticate them.

(9) To appoint Deputy Supreme Chief Rangers, whenever and wherever he thinks the good of the Order requires

it, with power to organize and institute Subordinate Courts, and shall require them to give bonds in the sum of *five hundred* dollars for the faithful performance of their duties.

(10) To advise with the Supreme Counsellor, and thereupon decide all questions of law properly submitted to him, which decision shall be promulgated by him monthly by circular or by papers published in the interests of the Order; such decisions to be of binding authority on the Order until reversed by the Supreme Court.

(11) To call meetings of the Executive Council at his own option, or at the direction of a majority of the members thereof.

(12) To call special meetings of the Supreme Court, as provided for in Section *five*, Sub-section *two*, or to call special meetings of any High or Subordinate Court whenever he deems it to be in the interests of the Order, to suspend for cause the Dispensation or Charter of a Court, or for cause to suspend an Officer or member from office or from the Order, and to perform such other duties as may be required for the proper administration and enforcement of the Constitution and Laws of the Order.

(13) To be paid the necessary expenses and outlay incurred by virtue of his office.

(14) In case of death, resignation, disqualification, refusal or neglect of the Supreme Chief Ranger to discharge his duties, the Executive Council shall forthwith elect a successor to the office, who shall forthwith assume and perform the duties of said office.

(15) The Executive Council shall be the judge of disqualification, refusal or neglect stated in Sub-section *fourteen* above.

JUNIOR PAST SUPREME CHIEF RANGER.

17. (1) The Junior Past Supreme Chief Ranger shall be the Past Supreme Chief Ranger in good standing, who was most recently the Supreme Chief Ranger. He shall be *ex-officio* a member of the Executive Council, and shall, in the absence of the Supreme Chief Ranger, perform the duties of that office.

(2) Should the Junior Past Supreme Chief Ranger absent himself from any meeting of the Supreme Court, or from two consecutive meetings of the Executive Council, without giving a satisfactory excuse for such absence, his seat on the Executive may be declared vacant, in which case the next Junior Past Supreme Chief Ranger in good standing shall be entitled to the seat.

SUPREME VICE-CHIEF RANGER.

18. (1) The Supreme Vice-Chief Ranger shall, in the absence of the Supreme Chief Ranger, if there be no Past Supreme Chief Ranger present, preside at the sessions of the Supreme Court or Executive Council.

(2) In case the Supreme Vice-Chief Ranger succeeds to the office of Supreme Chief Ranger, the Executive Council shall immediately appoint a successor to the office of Supreme Vice-Chief Ranger, who shall forthwith be duly installed.

(3) In case of the temporary absence from the country, sickness or other disability of the Supreme Chief Ranger, the Junior Past Supreme Chief Ranger, or, in his like absence, the Supreme Vice-Chief Ranger, shall take temporary charge of and perform the duties of said office until such disability is removed.

SUPREME SECRETARY.

19. (1) The Supreme Secretary shall see that a correct report of the proceedings of the Supreme Court is kept. He shall read all communications, petitions, etc. He shall prepare and publish a copy of the proceedings of the Supreme Court within one month after the close of each annual or special meeting. He shall also make to the Supreme Court, on the first day of each annual meeting, a complete report of the condition of the Order.

(2) He shall compile and arrange for publication, subject to the approval of the Committee on Constitution and Laws, all amendments to the Laws adopted by the Supreme Court.

(3) He shall keep such books, and in such manner, as the Law requires, or as he may be directed to do by the Executive Council.

(4) He shall promptly perform all duties relating to the Endowment Funds, and other funds as directed in the Laws of the Supreme Court.

(5) He shall conduct the correspondence of the Supreme Court.

(6) He shall keep a record of the name and number of Courts, with their membership and date of institution, and location of all High and Subordinate Courts; keep a historical record, showing the name, age, residence, date of initiation, Court, names of beneficiaries, amount of endowment held by, and standing of, each member of the whole Order.

(7) He shall have charge of the books, papers, and all ritual work belonging to this Supreme Court.

(8) He shall deliver to the Supreme Court, or to his successor, all books, papers, funds, furniture or other property or effects of the Order at the expiration of his term of office, or at any time on the order of the Supreme Chief Ranger or Executive Council.

(9) He shall keep a true and correct account between this Court and all High and Subordinate Courts and parties with whom it has dealings. He shall present to the Supreme Court, on the first day of each annual meeting, a full and correct statement of the amount of money received and disbursed during the year, and shall give a detailed statement of the condition of the Order, and of all his official actions during the year.

(10) He shall receive all money due the Supreme Court, and at the end of every week he shall settle with and pay to the Supreme Treasurer all money in his possession belonging to the Supreme Court. He shall also, at the same time, notify the Supreme Chief Ranger the amount of money so transmitted to the Supreme Treasurer.

(11) At the commencement of each month he shall transmit to the Supreme Chief Ranger, for publication in the

official organ, a report comprising the following items: cash received, and from what source; cash paid, and for what purpose; expenses of his office in detail; total paid Supreme Treasurer, and the merchandise bought and sold; also a statement of the total receipts for the different funds, as appear by his books, and the amount of the orders drawn on the same.

(12) At the beginning of each month the Supreme Secretary shall send to each Court a mortuary statement, giving the name, age, and cause of death of each member deceased during the last month, or since last report; name, number and location of Court of which the deceased was a member; date of admission and amount paid by the deceased on endowment account; location of party or parties to whom the endowment benefit was to be paid, and the amount of such endowment.

(13) Keep an endowment register, showing, if a death, the date and cause thereof; if paid on account of total disability, date when paid, amount paid, and nature of such disability; date of initiation; number of Subordinate Court; amount of assessment paid; name of beneficiary; amount of endowment paid to beneficiary.

(14) Issue to every beneficiary member of the Order, whose medical examination has been approved by the proper Medical Board, an endowment certificate; certificates to be numbered consecutively, showing names of beneficiaries.

(15) Examine all notices sent him of assessments forwarded, and if incorrect, notify forthwith the Court from which the money was sent, and have the same at once corrected.

(16) Exhibit his books, accounts, papers, and property to any member of the Supreme Court, whenever requested so to do; and give full information whenever so requested by any Court in the Order.

(17) Furnish directly to High Court supplies needed for Subordinate Courts in their jurisdiction.

(18) Receive for his services such sum as the Supreme Court may determine before the election for this office, and

on a failure to fix a sum before such election, to receive such sum as was paid to the incumbent of the previous term.

(19) Transmit to his successor in office, whensoever so requested by the Supreme Chief Ranger, all property pertaining to his office and committed or coming into his care and custody, and

(20) Perform such other and further duties as may from time to time be required by the Supreme Court, or by the Executive Council, or by the Supreme Chief Ranger.

THE SUPREME TREASURER.

20. (1) The Supreme Treasurer shall receive all moneys from the Supreme Secretary, which shall be deposited by him to the credit of the Supreme Court in such Chartered Bank as shall have been designated by the Executive Council, and the bank instructed not to allow any one to withdraw any of the funds without the signature of the Supreme Chief Ranger, Supreme Secretary, and Supreme Treasurer, on a cheque payable to the order of the payee.

(2) The Supreme Treasurer shall keep a correct and separate account of all moneys received for the Endowment Fund, and only pay out the same on cheques drawn to pay endowments, or total and permanent disability benefits, or the annuity benefits for aged Foresters, or for investment; shall keep a correct and separate account of all moneys received and paid out belonging to the General Fund, which shall not be used to pay death benefits; shall deposit the various funds in separate bank accounts; and at the commencement of each month he shall transmit to the Supreme Chief Ranger, for publication in the official organ, a full financial statement covering the last month, or since the last Report; he shall permit the Supreme Chief Ranger, or any member of the Executive Council, at any time to examine his bank or other books; he shall report to the Supreme Chief Ranger weekly, giving the amounts received each week from the Supreme Secretary; he shall also transmit to the Supreme Chief Ranger weekly a certified statement of the amount of funds deposited by him in the bank of the Order.

(3) He shall have his accounts correctly posted, and ready for examination by the Auditors immediately after the close of each fiscal year, or whenever the Executive Council may require it ; and he shall make to the Supreme Court, on the first day of its regular meeting, a full and correct report of the state of the Supreme Treasury.

(4) He shall deliver to the Supreme Court or the Executive Council, whenever called upon to do so by the Supreme Chief Ranger or Executive Council, all moneys, books, papers and other property in his hands belonging to the Order.

(5) He shall deposit all money in his hands, weekly or oftener, in such a manner as to be at interest, and in such chartered bank as the Executive Council may from time to time direct. The interest upon deposits shall be added to the principal. He shall also invest the surplus funds in such Government or other securities as may be approved by the Supreme Court or Executive Council.

(6) Permit every member of the Supreme Court so desiring to inspect his books and accounts.

(7) Receive for his services such sum as the Supreme Court may determine before the election for this office, and on a failure to fix the sum, receive the same sum as was paid to the incumbent of the previous term.

(8) Transmit to his successor in office all funds, books, papers, furniture and other property appertaining to his office and belonging to the Supreme Court.

SUPREME PHYSICIAN.

21. (1) The Supreme Physician shall prepare and submit to the Supreme Chief Ranger, whenever so requested, a chart showing unhealthy districts in which Subordinate Courts should not be organized, or where initiations should be temporarily suspended.

(2) Carefully examine, when referred to him by the Supreme Chief Ranger, or Supreme Secretary, all papers and matters appertaining to either the Endowment or Sick Relief Funds, and if, in his opinion, any fraud exists or has

been perpetrated, notify the Supreme Chief Ranger, who shall take the necessary steps for a thorough and complete investigation.

(3) Transmit to his successor in office all books, papers and property appertaining to his office and committed or coming into his possession or control.

(4) And perform such other duties as the Supreme Chief Ranger, the Executive Council, or Laws of the Order may require.

SUPREME COUNSELLOR.

22. (1) The Supreme Counsellor shall prepare all forms involving any legal point or question.

(2) Examine and pass upon the regularity of all bonds, notes or other securities or evidence of indebtedness to the Supreme Court.

(3) Carefully examine and report in writing upon all legal questions referred to him in writing by the Supreme Court, or any member of the Executive Council.

(4) Prepare all legal papers that may be necessary or required.

(5) Examine into all claims presented against the Supreme Court concerning which there is any doubt or dispute.

(6) And generally conduct or give directions to the legal business of the Order, and transmit to his successor in office all the books and property appertaining thereto.

OTHER SUPREME OFFICERS.

23. The Supreme Chaplain, the Supreme Journal-Secretary, Supreme Senior Woodward, Supreme Junior Woodward, Supreme Senior Beadle, Supreme Junior Beadle, Supreme Marshal, Supreme Conductor, and Supreme Messenger, shall perform such duties as may be required of them by the Supreme Chief Ranger at Supreme Court Session, and such other duties as may be prescribed by the ritual, laws, customs and usages of the Order.

EXECUTIVE COUNCIL.

24. (1) The Executive Council shall consist of the Supreme Chief Ranger, the Past Supreme Chief Ranger, who is qualified according to Section *seventeen*, the Supreme Vice-Chief Ranger, the Supreme Secretary, the Supreme Treasurer, the Supreme Physician, and the Supreme Counsellor, and are *ex-officio* members of all High Courts and Subordinate Courts, and of whom three shall form a quorum.

(2) The powers and duties of the Executive Council of the Supreme Court, in addition to those herein otherwise defined, shall be as follows:

(3) During the recess of the Supreme Court exercise all executive and judicial powers thereof, subject to appeal and approval at the next session.

(4) To hear and determine any charges against any Officer or member of the Supreme Court, or of a High Court, or of a Subordinate Court; to suspend any Officer or member of the Order; to suspend or arrest the Charter of any High Court or Subordinate Court for neglect or refusal to perform any lawful duty, or for violation of law, or for contempt of the authority or mandates of the Executive Council, or of the Supreme Chief Ranger; to fill the vacancy in any office of the Supreme Court until the next session thereof, and pay such temporary appointee the salary, if any, which the regular Officer would have received.

EXECUTIVE ACTION.

25. Whenever action or a decision by the Executive Council, or by a High Standing Committee of a High Court, is required on any matter, the Supreme Chief Ranger, or the High Chief Ranger, as the case may be, may submit such matter in writing, or in print, or otherwise, to each member of the Executive Council, or of the High Standing Committee, for their action or decision thereon, and the decision or action of the necessary majority thereof given in writing, or otherwise, shall be deemed to be a decision or action of the Executive Council, or of such High Standing Committee,

as the case may be, the same as if a meeting of such Executive Council, or of such High Standing Committee, had been held.

MEDICAL BOARD.

26. (1) A Medical Board, consisting of three physicians, of whom the Supreme Physician shall be one, shall be elected annually. The High Physicians of High Courts shall be *ex-officio* members of the Medical Board. They shall review all medical examinations in the Order, and forthwith report the result to the Supreme Secretary and to the Court whence the medical examination emanated.

(2) The Medical Board shall have power, at the time of reviewing the medical examinations of initiates or of applicants for reinstatement, to reduce the amount of endowment applied for to *one thousand* dollars, and to pass such applicants only for such reduced amount.

AUDITORS.

27. (1) Two Auditors shall be elected at each annual meeting of the Supreme or of a High Court, whose duty shall be to thoroughly audit the books of the Secretary and Treasurer of the Supreme or of a High Court, as the case may be, within *ten days* prior to each annual meeting thereof, and at any other time when so requested by the Supreme Chief Ranger, or by the Executive Council, or by the High Chief Ranger, or by the High Standing Committee, as the case may be.

(2) They shall have ready for presentation at the opening of each annual meeting of the Supreme Court, or of a High Court, as the case may be, a full and complete printed report of their audit.

(B) OF HIGH COURTS.—HIGH CHIEF RANGER.

28. (1) The duties of the High Officers, in so far as they are practicable, shall be the same as those of the corresponding Supreme Officers.

(2) The High Chief Ranger shall annually appoint as many District Deputy High Chief Rangers as he may deem proper, and assign a district to each, also as many Provincial Deputy High Chief Rangers as he may deem best, also a Court Deputy High Chief Ranger for each Court. The Financial Secretary and Treasurer shall not be eligible for the post of Court Deputy High Chief Ranger.

29. The Junior Past High Chief Ranger shall be *ex-officio* an Officer of the High Court to which he belongs, and a member of the High Standing Committee, and shall be subject to the conditions of Section *seventeen*.

HIGH STANDING COMMITTEE.

30. (1) The High Standing Committee shall be composed of the first six elective Officers, with the Junior Past High Chief Ranger, in good standing, of whom three shall form a quorum, and shall act in the recess of the High Court; perform all duties assigned to them by the High Court or Laws of the Order; have power to call special sessions of the High Court, if they deem it necessary; have power to grant dispensations for the formation of new Courts, or for the consolidation of existing Courts; temporarily suspend, when there is good and sufficient cause, Officers of High or Subordinate Courts until the next meeting of the High Court, unless sooner decided on appeal to the higher tribunals; fill all vacancies of Officers in the High Court, where not otherwise herein provided; during the interim of sessions have all the powers of the High Court, except to make, change or amend Laws, and to have such other power as may be given them by the Constitution and Laws. They shall be *ex-officio* members of all Subordinate Courts within their respective jurisdictions.

(2) The High Standing Committee shall have power, during the recess of the High Court, to impeach any of its own Officers, and by a majority vote of the whole Committee, after due trial, may remove from office the Officer so impeached; or for cause to suspend any member of the Order, or to suspend the Dispensation, or to suspend the Charter of any Court within their territorial jurisdiction;

Provided that the power to revoke or annul the Dispensation or Charter of a Court and dissolve the same shall be vested alone in the Supreme Court or its Executive Council.

(C) OF SUBORDINATE COURTS.

31. (1) The duty of the Chief Ranger shall be to preside at all meetings, preserve order and decorum in the Court, inflict all fines for the infraction of rules, sign all drafts for the payment of moneys make all *pro tem.* appointments, appoint all Committees (except otherwise ordered), see that justice is done to all parties, and that the Laws of the Order are strictly and impartially enforced; he shall also be *ex-officio* one of the Trustees, and a member of all Committees.

(2) He shall allow appeals to be taken from his decisions, and put the same to the Court in the usual parliamentary manner. He shall once in each month inspect the bank-book and see that the balances are correct, and perform such other duties as may be required of him by the Constitution and Laws of the Order or by the By-laws of the Court.

VICE-CHIEF RANGER.

32. (1) The Vice-Chief Ranger shall assist the Chief Ranger in preserving order, and in his absence, and the absence of all Past Chief Rangers of the Court, preside at the meetings, and perform such other duties as may be required by the Constitution and Laws of the Order or by the Court.

(2) In the absence of the Vice-Chief Ranger and other senior officers, the next junior Officer shall preside, otherwise tne meeting shall be called to order by any member, and a Chief Ranger *pro tem.* shall be chosen, who shall preside until a proper Officer shall arrive. The acts of the *pro tem.* Officer shall be as binding as those of the regular Officer.

RECORDING SECRETARY.

33. It shall be the duty of the Recording Secretary to conduct the correspondence of the Court, record all its

proceedings, take charge of and safely keep the Seal and all books, papers and property of his office; fill all blank forms, issue all notices, except those pertaining to the office of Financial Secretary; inform all candidates of their election or rejection; notify adjacent Courts of rejections; place the names of rejected candidates, and suspended and expelled members, in a book provided for that purpose; insert in the minutes the name of every brother reported by the Financial Secretary as having paid any sum of money, and the amount of each brother's payments, together with a detailed record of any other payment into the treasury; sign all orders upon the Treasurer voted by the Court and none other, except such as are provided for by the Constitution or Laws, and perform such other duties consistent with his office as may be ordered by the Court or Chief Ranger, and at the close of his term of office to deliver to his successor all papers, books and other property of the Court in his possession, or at any time on demand of the SupremeChief Ranger, or to such Deputy as the Supreme Chief Ranger may appoint. He shall also be *ex-officio* one of the Trustees.

FINANCIAL SECRETARY.

34. (1) It shall be the duty of the Financial Secretary to keep just and true accounts between the Court and its members; to notify, by circular, at the beginning of each month, every brother who may be in arrears, provided that a failure to thus notify a delinquent brother shall in no wise bar the suspension of such delinquent, as provided in this Constitution and Laws; to regularly supply the Physician with the names of members received into, or suspended from, the Court; to keep the accounts of the members for dues and endowments in proper books; to receive all Court moneys, and pay the same forthwith to the Treasurer, taking his receipt for the same; upon each night of meeting to submit a detailed report of all moneys received by him since last report, giving each name and amount separately; to furnish the Court at the last meeting in each term, or oftener if required by the Court, a statement of the finances; to prepare and present to the Court, on the first regular night

of meeting in each month, the monthly assessment report, as required by the Endowment Law; and perform such other duties in connection with Court finances as may be required of him by the Court or by the Constitution and Laws of the Order.

(2) He shall give a bond with two good sureties in a sum of not less than *two hundred* dollars, and shall receive for his services such salary as the Court may determine.

PAYMENTS TO SUPREME OR HIGH COURTS.

(3) As the Financial Secretary is the Officer of a Subordinate Court. the Supreme Court shall in no wise be held accountable for any dereliction of duty on the part of the Financial Secretary or of any other Officer of a Subordinate Court, and no payment shall be deemed to have been made to the Supreme Court or to a High Court by any member of any dues, taxes, assessments, or other claims whatsoever, until the money is actually transmitted or otherwise paid to the Supreme or High Court, as the case may be, notwithstanding such member may have paid regularly into the treasury of his own Subordinate Court.

(4) No payment shall be deemed to have been made until the money or its equivalent in negotiable bank draft or Post Office money order has been mailed to the proper Officer in a duly-registered letter, then, but not till then, shall payment be deemed to have been made, and the responsibility of the members cease in respect of such payments.

TREASURER.

35. (1) It shall be the duty of the Court Treasurer to receive from the Financial Secretary all funds paid into the Court during his term of office, giving his receipt for the same, and forthwith deposit to the credit of the Chief Ranger, Recording Secretary and himself, as Trustees for the Court, in such Chartered Bank as the Court may direct; to pay all orders having the Court Seal attached, and duly attested by the Chief Ranger and Recording Secretary, and all claims for the Endowment Fund, and Sick and Funeral Benefits, as they become due out of such funds of the Court.

(2) At the end of his term of office, he shall deliver all moneys, papers, books and other property of the Court, in his possession or custody, to his successor in office, or at any time, on demand, to the Supreme Chief Ranger, or to such Deputy as the Supreme Chief may appoint. He shall give security for the faithful performance of his duties to the amount of not less than *two hundred* dollars; he shall be, *ex-officio*, one of the Trustees of the Court.

WOODWARDS.

36. (1) It shall be the duty of the Woodwards to take charge of the regalia and other property of the Court, and see that they are properly distributed for the use of the members in the Court during its sessions; also, at the close of each meeting of the Court, to gather up the regalia and other property of the Court, and return them to the chest or other receptacle in which the property of the Court is usually kept; and to report at every regular meeting the condition of sick members.

(2) They shall also pay to sick members all benefits that may be ordered by the Chief Ranger or Court for them, within twenty-four hours after the order has been made.

BEADLES.

37. (1) The Senior Beadle shall attend the inner door, and see that no brother enters without permission of the Chief Ranger, unless in possession of the proper password. He shall not admit into the Court any but a true and lawful member of the Order, neither shall he admit any member who is intoxicated.

(2) The Junior Beadle shall have charge of the anteroom, and remain at the outside door during the initiation of members, and on any other occasion when required.

COURT PHYSICIAN.

38. (1) The duties of a Court Physician shall be to examine carefully and minutely all candidates for membership,

or applicants for reinstatement, or for increased endowment, upon the forms of the Supreme Court, and report the same forthwith to the Medical Board.

(2) To attend during the continuance of any illness all the members of his Court (as well as the members of other Courts who may be taken ill within his jurisdiction) who may require his professional services.

(3) He shall, at every regular meeting during a brother's illness, present to the Court a certificate stating the nature of the brother's complaint, and whether he is still under his treatment.

(4) Should he refuse or neglect to attend any member, after being duly notified, the Chief Ranger, or in his absence any member of the Sick Committee, according to seniority, shall be empowered to engage any certified physician to attend the sick brother, and charge the expenses to the Court Physician.

(5) The salary of the Physician shall be at the rate of *one* dollar per annum for each and every member in good standing in the Court, to be paid at the end of each quarter.

(6) Should the Court Physician be called upon to attend a member residing more than one mile from his office, he shall be at liberty to charge such brother the regular fee for mileage for the distance necessarily travelled over and above the one mile.

(7) He shall also be entitled to be paid for all medicines furnished by him.

(8) He shall also be paid extra for any surgical cases, and for attendance on the same.

(9) He shall receive for every examination made by him a fee of not less than *one* dollar; and if a microscopic examination or an analysis is ordered by the Medical Board, the fee shall be not more than *three* dollars.

(10) If the Court Physician makes, at any time, knowingly, an untrue statement regarding any examination, or give a false certificate, by which the Court or the Order will suffer, he shall forfeit any salary due him, and be expelled from the Order, if he be a member thereof; and if

not a member, he shall forfeit any balance of salary due to him by the Court.

(11) If a Court Physician's examination is repeatedly defective, or should he recommend an improper risk, or certify to any improper or illegal claim for any of the benefits of the Order, his commission may be summarily revoked by the Supreme Chief Ranger.

(12) Before being commissioned, he must procure from the Supreme Secretary, for his use and guidance, the instructions to Medical Examiners.

APOTHECARY.

39. An Apothecary may also be elected annually, who shall supply all medicines ordered by the Court Physician for members.

MEDICINES.

40. All medicines used by any member must be paid for by the member himself, unless it is provided in the By-laws of the Court that such medicines be paid for out of the funds of the Court.

TRUSTEES.

41. (1) The Chief Ranger, the Secretary and Treasurer, as the *ex-officio* Trustees of a Court, shall have the legal custody and control of all the funds and property and effects of a Subordinate Court, and shall be legally liable for the same to the Supreme Court.

(2) The Trustees shall transact all the legal business of the Court, and through whom the Court shall sue or be sued.

(3) The Trustees of a Court, together with the Officers, or members having the custody or possession of any of the property, or effects, or funds of a Court at the time of the suspension, surrender or forfeiture of the Charter or Dispensation of a Court, shall be jointly and severally liable in any suit which may be brought under the provisions of this Constitution, provided that any such Trustee, officer or member, can free himself from such liability, by furnishing

satisfactory evidence of his loyalty to the Order, and of having conformed to the provisions of the Constitution and Laws of the Supreme Court.

MEMBERS HAVE NO RIGHT OF ACTION TILL APPEALS ARE EXHAUSTED.

42. No member shall be entitled to bring any action against the Supreme Court or any other Court of the Order until he has exhausted all the remedies provided for in the Constitution and Laws of the Order, by appeal and otherwise.

REPRESENTATIVES

(A) OF HIGH COURTS.

43. (1) Each High Court jurisdiction, not set apart into a separate endowment jurisdiction, shall be entitled to two Representatives in the Supreme Court, and one additional Representative for every hundred members in good standing upon its roll at date of election.

(2) Each High Court, at its regular session immediately preceding the annual session of the Supreme Court, shall elect its Representatives to the Supreme Court, to serve for *one year* from the date of election, or till the next succeeding annual session of the High Court, or until their successors are duly elected. Representatives elected or appointed during a term shall serve the balance of the term. Any vacancy in the office of Representative may be filled by the High Court at its regular meeting, or by its High Standing Committee during the recess of the High Court.

(3) Regular Representatives from High Courts must be Past Chief Rangers in good standing in some Subordinate Court, and must have been elected by the High Court they represent, or appointed by the High Standing Committee during a recess of their High Court. Representatives shall furnish a certificate of their election or appointment as such, signed by the High Chief Ranger and High Secretary, and attested with the seal of their High Court.

(4) Any Representative of a High Court who shall vacate or resign his office of Representative shall be deemed, by so doing, to have vacated or resigned any office held by him in the Supreme Court, provided that the expiration of his term as Representative shall not vacate any elective office held by him in the Supreme Court.

(5) The Officers, Past Executive Officers and Representatives, shall be the only persons entitled to vote in the Supreme Court, provided that in case of a tie, the Officer presiding at the time shall, except in elections of Officers and the selection of the place of meeting, give the casting vote.

(6) No Representative shall be entitled to vote in the Supreme Court unless the High Court which he represents is clear upon the books of the Supreme Court at the time that such books are closed.

(B) OF SUBORDINATE COURTS.

44. (1) There shall be elected from each Subordinate Court, having fifty members or less, within the jurisdiction of a High Court, two Representatives to such High Court, and one additional Representative for each additional twenty-five members, or a fractional part thereof. The elections shall be held at the regular June or December elections immediately preceding the time of holding the annual sessions of the High Court. The term of office of Representatives shall be *one year*, or till their successors are duly elected. Should a postponement of the time of holding the annual session of a High Court take place after the election of such Representatives, it shall not affect the validity of such elections.

(2) Any beneficiary member of the Order in good standing shall be eligible to be elected a Representative of a Subordinate Court.

(3) No Representative shall be entitled to vote in the High Court unless the Subordinate Court which he represents is clear upon the books of the High Court upon the first day of the month preceding that in which the High Court session is held.

VOTES.

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45. (1) Voting shall be by the usual voting sign, except upon the call of two members, when the *yeas* and *nays* shall be ordered.

(2) Whenever the *yeas* and *nays* are ordered, the names of all voters shall be entered in the division lists, so that a proper record of each division may be preserved in the journals of the Supreme, High, or Subordinate Court.

(A) IN THE SUPREME COURT.

46. (1) Each Officer or Past Executive Officer of the Supreme Court shall be entitled to cast one vote as such; provided, that if an Officer also holds the rank of a Past Executive Officer, he shall be entitled to cast only one vote

(2) Each Representative from a High Court, in good standing, shall be entitled to cast one vote.

(3) An Officer or Past Executive Officer may, at the same time, be a Representative from a High Court, in which case he shall be entitled to vote both as an Officer or Past Executive Officer and as a Representative.

(B) IN A HIGH COURT.

47. (1) Each Officer or Past Executive Officer of a High Court shall be entitled to cast one vote as such; provided, that if an Officer also holds the rank of a Past Executive Officer, he shall be entitled to cast only one vote.

(2) Each Representative from a Subordinate Court shall be entitled to cast one vote.

(3) An Officer or Past Executive Officer may, at the same time, be a Representative from a Subordinate Court, in which case he shall be entitled to cast one vote as such Officer or Past Executive Officer, and one vote as such Representative.

(C) IN A SUBORDINATE COURT.

48. Each member of a Subordinate Court shall be entitled to cast one vote.

VOTES OF ABSENTEES.

49. (1) In the event of the absence of any of the Representatives of a High Court, during the time any vote or ballot is being taken in the Supreme Court, the Representative or Representatives present of such High Court shall be entitled to cast all the votes or ballots to which such High Court is entitled.

(2) In the event of the absence of any of the Representatives of a Subordinate Court during the time any vote or ballot is being taken in a High Court, the Representative or Representatives present from such Subordinate Court shall be entitled to cast all the votes or ballots to which such Subordinate Court is entitled.

(3) In either of the above cases, the votes shall be divided equally among the Representatives present, and if there are any odd votes they shall be cast as the majority of the Representatives present shall determine; or if only two are present, the odd votes shall be cast by the senior Representative.

VOTES OF PRESIDING OFFICERS.

50. (1) The Presiding Officer in the Supreme, High or Subordinate Court shall not vote except in case of a tie, in which case he shall give the casting vote, except in the election of Officers or the selection of place of meeting, when the Presiding Officer shall cast his ballot the same as other Officers and members entitled to vote.

(2) In case of a tie in the election of Officers, or the selection of a place of meeting, the Presiding Officer shall not be entitled to give the casting vote, but a new ballot shall be taken until there is a clear majority of the votes cast duly declared.

BLANKS NOT TO BE COUNTED.

51. All blank ballots, and all ballots marked for any one or for a place not in nomination at that particular ballot, shall be counted as *blanks*, and not to be taken into account in determining the majority.

DEPUTIES

(A) OF THE SUPREME CHIEF RANGER.

52. Deputy Supreme Chief Rangers shall be duly commissioned by the Supreme Chief Ranger, and shall—

(1) Be the Representatives of the Supreme Chief Ranger in their respective territories.

(2) Have power to organize and institute Subordinate Courts anywhere not proscribed by the Constitution or Laws of the Supreme Court, or by the Executive Council.

(3) Receive such compensation for their services as may be fixed by the Executive Council.

(4) Act under the directions of the Supreme Chief Ranger.

(5) Remit to the Supreme Secretary all moneys received for Charter fees and supplies forthwith after receiving them, together with a full list of the Charter members, on the prescribed Forms.

(B) OF THE HIGH CHIEF RANGER.

53. The High Chief Ranger shall have power to appoint and duly commission any member of any of the Courts in his jurisdiction, as—

(1) Provincial Deputy High Chief Rangers, whose duty shall be to look after the general interests of the Order; to spread the principles of Forestry, by public lectures and otherwise, and to advance the interests of the Order by all legitimate means; institute Courts anywhere within the jurisdiction, in accordance with the Constitution and Laws of the Order; in the absence of the District Deputy High Chief Ranger, or any superior Officer, to install the Officers; give decisions on points of law when appealed to, and enforce a strict adherence to the laws and usages of the Order, and an obedience to the instructions of the High Court, or of the High Standing Committee, or of the High Chief Ranger; to send a report of all their official acts to

the High Chief Ranger at least once a quarter, and to make such suggestions as they may deem to be in the interests of the Order.

(2) District Deputy High Chief Rangers, whose duties shall be to look after the interests of the Order, institute Courts, and to visit the Courts in their respective districts, at least once a year, and see that they conform to the Constitution and Laws of the Supreme Court; to hear and determine all appeals brought before them in due form, and to perform such other lawful duties as the Constitution or Laws of the Supreme Court may require, or as the High Chief Ranger or the High Standing Committee may from time to time direct.

(3) Court Deputy High Chief Rangers, who shall be the medium through whom all official communications from the High or Supreme Court shall come for each Court in their respective High Court jurisdictions, whose duty shall be to spread the principles of Forestry, by public lectures and otherwise, and to advance the interests of the Order by all just and legitimate means; institute Courts anywhere within their respective districts, in accordance with the Constitution and Laws of the Order; in the absence of the District Deputy High Chief Ranger, or other superior Officer, to install the Officers, give decisions on points of law when appealed to, and enforce a strict adherence to the laws and usages of the Order, and an obedience to the instructions of the High Court or of the High Chief Ranger; to send a report of all their official acts to the High Chief Ranger at least once a term, and to make such suggestions as they may deem to be in the interests of the Order; to lay before their Courts promptly all official communications received; hear and determine appeals from the Courts, and generally to see that the Constitution and Laws of the Supreme Court are observed by their Courts.

PAST CHIEF RANGERS.

54. A Past Chief Ranger shall be—

(1) One who holds, or has held, a commission either as Deputy of the Supreme Chief Ranger, or of a High Chief Ranger, or as Court Physician.

(2) One who was elected to the office of Past Chief Ranger at the institution of a Court.

(3) One who has been elected and installed in, and has held, the office of Chief Ranger during a regular term, or the balance of an unexpired term.

(4) A clergyman who has filled the office of Chaplain during a term or the balance of an unexpired term.

(5) An Illustrious Knight in good standing in an Encampment of Royal Foresters.

STANDING COMMITTEES

(A) OF THE SUPREME COURT.

55. (1) At the opening of each annual meeting the Supreme Chief Ranger or the Presiding Officer shall appoint the following Standing Committees, each to consist of three members, viz. :

Committee on Credentials,
" " Finance,
" " Appeals and Petitions,
" " Constitution and Laws,
" " State of the Order,
" " New Business.

(2) The Committee on Credentials shall examine and report to the Supreme Court on the credentials of Representatives, and report if they are in good standing.

(3) The Committee on Finance shall examine all accounts presented during each annual session, and estimate the probable amount required for the expenses of the Supreme Court for the ensuing year, and report the same in writing; make up and present to the Supreme Court, and have ready for use before the close of each annual or special session, pay roll, showing the name, residence, and actual expenses incurred by each Officer and Representative making claims therefor; and perform such other duties as may be assigned them by the Supreme Chief Ranger, or Executive Council, or Supreme Court.

(4) The Committee on Appeals and Petitions shall examine and report on all appeals taken to the Supreme Court; also, consider and report on all petitions.

(5) The Committee on the Constitution and Laws shall examine and report, with their approval or rejection, By-laws of High or Subordinate Courts submitted to them, as also subsequent alterations made thereto; examine and approve manuscript of all By-laws that High or Subordinate Courts desire to print, before being printed; have referred to them, for examination and report, all proposed alterations or amendments of the Constitution and Laws of the Order; compile and arrange for publication all amendments adopted by the Supreme Court.

(6) The Committee on the State of the Order shall annually present to the Supreme Court an exhibit of the condition, progress and prospects of the Order in its jurisdiction; examine and report on all correspondence of the Supreme Court, and suggest any measures to be taken in connection therewith.

(7) The Committee on New Business shall have referred to them what can not properly be referred to Committees heretofore named, and report to the Supreme Court at each session thereof; also present any new business which they may deem to be in the interests of the Order.

(8) When deemed necessary, the Supreme Chief Ranger may direct any Committee to meet at least *one day* before the annual session of the Supreme Court, for the examination of any business that may be referred to them.

(B) OF HIGH COURTS.

56. (1) The High Chief Ranger, at the beginning of each annual meeting of his High Court, shall appoint the following Standing Committees, each consisting of three members, viz.:

Committee on Credentials,
" " Finance,
" " Appeals and Petitions,
" " State of the Order,
" " New Business.

(2) The duties of such Standing Committees shall be the same as laid down for the corresponding Supreme Court Committees, in so far as they are applicable to High Court Committees.

(C) OF SUBORDINATE COURTS.

FINANCE COMMITTEE.

57. (1) A Finance Committee, consisting of two members, shall be elected at the same time as the other Officers. Their duty shall be to examine all bills or accounts presented to the Court, and report upon their regularity and correctness before being paid.

(2) Also, at the close of the term, or at any other time ordered by the Court, to audit the books of the Financial Officers of the Court, and report the result in writing to the Court; such report to include a duly prepared balance-sheet of the finances for the past term, and perform such other duties as may be ordered by the Court.

(3) The Recording Secretary, the Financial Secretary and the Treasurer shall not be eligible for election on the Finance Committee.

THE SICK COMMITTEE.

(4) The Sick Committee, consisting of the Chief Ranger, Vice-Chief Ranger, the two Woodwards, the two Beadles, and the Chaplain, shall see, after they have received notice of the sickness of a brother, that he is visited once each day, during his illness, by at least one member of said Committee; and the Committee shall report the condition of the sick brother to the Court at each regular meeting.

(5) If, in the opinion of said Committee, it should in any case be necessary that watchers be provided for the sick brother, the Chief Ranger shall notify two members of the Court to perform such duty each night, and the brothers thus notified shall be those whose turn it shall be according to the order in which their names appear on the roll of members; and should any brother thus notified find it inconvenient to attend to this duty himself, he must either immediately provide a suitable substitute or pay the Chief

Ranger *one* dollar, to be expended by him for that purpose; and should he fail to comply with the above, he shall pay a fine of *two* dollars.

(6) The Court or Sick Committee may at any time order a consultation of physicians if the circumstances of the case require it, and may also employ competent nurses to attend to the sick brother.

(7) In cases of infectious or contagious diseases, it shall not be the duty of members of this Committee to visit personally, or of other brothers to watch, and if attendance is needed, a competent nurse shall be employed, to be paid from the funds of the Court.

ARBITRATION COMMITTEE.

(8) The Arbitration Committee shall consist of the Junior Past Chief Ranger, Chaplain and Vice-Chief Ranger, to whom all charges in a Subordinate Court shall be referred.

(9) In case any member of such Committee shall be challenged, as being personally interested in the cause, such challenge shall be tried by the Court, and if sustained, any disinterested member of the Court may be appointed instead to try such cause.

VACANCIES.

58. (1) All vacancies in the Executive Council not otherwise provided for in this Constitution shall be filled by the Supreme Court, if in session, and during the *interim* of sessions by the Executive Council.

(2) All vacancies in the appointed offices of the Supreme Court shall be filled by the Supreme Chief Ranger, subject to the approval of the Executive Council.

(3) All vacancies in office in a High Court shall be filled by the High Court, if in session, and during the *interim* of sessions by the High Standing Committee.

(4) All vacancies in a Subordinate Court shall be filled by the Court as soon as the vacancy is declared. Any office in a Subordinate Court, except that of Representative to a High Court, may be declared vacant by a two-thirds vote of the Court, on the Officer absenting himself from two successive regular meetings of the Court.

MEDICAL EXAMINATION.

59. The "Medical Examination of the Order" consists of three parts, viz. :

(1) The full, explicit and correct answers to all the questions propounded to applicants in the Medical Examination Forms ;

(2) *The Examination*, which is to be made upon the prescribed Form by a duly commissioned Court Physician, or by a physician specially authorized by the Supreme Chief Ranger to make the medical examination ; and

(3) *The Review* of such medical examination by the Medical Board.

REVENUE.

(A) OF THE SUPREME COURT.

60. The revenue of the Supreme Court shall be derived from—

(1) The Charter Fees of High Courts, Subordinate Courts, and of Encampments of Royal Foresters, instituted by the Supreme Court, and the fees for the Charters of Subordinate Courts instituted by High Courts.

(2) A *per capita* tax from every beneficiary member of Subordinate Courts not under a High Court.

(3) An annual tax from each High Court, based on its membership, and payable semi-annually in advance, in January and July of each year.

(4) The profits on the sale of supplies and from such other sources as the Supreme Court may from time to time determine.

(5) All books, blanks, badges, sashes and emblems used by High and Subordinate Courts shall be of the same size and pattern, and shall be furnished by the Supreme Court, and the profits on the same form part of its revenue.

(B) OF HIGH COURTS.

61. (1) The revenue of High Courts shall be : for Subordinate Court Dispensation and Supplies, instituted by such

High Courts, *one hundred* dollars; a *per capita* tax not exceeding *one* dollar per annum for every beneficiary member of the Order within its jurisdiction, to be fixed by each High Court, *twenty-five* cents of which must be paid to the Supreme Court.

(2) The revenue of a High Court shall not be for accumulation or investment, but shall be raised for the purpose only of defraying the actual necessary expenses thereof, and promoting the growth of the Order in its jurisdiction.

(3) At each annual session the amount required by a High Court shall be assessed as a *per capita* tax upon every Subordinate Court for each member thereof, payable semi-annually in advance.

(C) OF SUBORDINATE COURTS.

62. The General Fund of Subordinate Courts shall be composed of all moneys received on account of initiations, dues, certificates of brothers from other Courts, fines, forfeitures, donations, taxes and interest, and any special tax or assessment that may be ordered by the Court, and shall be applied solely in carrying out the objects of the Court, in paying the salary of the Court Physician and other Officers, managing and supporting the Court, and keeping up the Sick and Funeral Benefits.

SUPPLIES.

63. (1) Supplies furnished by the Supreme Court must be paid for on or before delivery.

(2) The price of all supplies furnished to High Courts shall be *twenty* per cent. less than the price fixed to Subordinate Courts.

(3) Supplies of all kinds shall emanate from the Supreme Court exclusively. The Executive Council shall designate and define what are supplies.

(4) No Deputy shall institute a Court without having and delivering to said Court, at the time of institution, the supplies necessary therefor.

(5) The Supreme Secretary shall furnish directly to the High Courts all supplies for the Subordinate Courts within their respective jurisdictions.

CIRCULARS.

64. No circulars or documents relating to this Order shall be mailed or circulated by any Subordinate Court or member of the Order, or be read in or acted upon by any Subordinate Court, unless the same shall bear the approval of the Supreme Chief Ranger or High Chief Ranger of the jurisdiction in which it is issued or circulated endorsed thereon. A contravention of this Section shall subject the offender to suspension or expulsion, and if a Court so offends, to suspension or revocation of its Dispensation or Charter.

GOOD STANDING

(A) OF COURTS.

65. (1) A Court is in "good standing" only when it is working under an unforfeited or unreclaimed Charter, or other due authority from the Supreme Court, and is not at the time *suspended*, and has paid all claims of the Supreme or High Court at the time prescribed by the Constitution, and has made also at the proper time all required returns and reports.

(B) OF MEMBERS.

(2) The term "good standing" in this Order signifies that the member is not either suspended or expelled from his Court or from the Order, and that he has paid within the prescribed time all his assessments for the Endowment or other Benefit Funds of the Order, as well as all Court dues, capitation tax, fines, or other demands of the Order.

(3) If a member is not in good standing, he is not eligible to office, and if an Officer, he forfeits his office. A member not in good standing loses all his rights and claims upon the Order, of whatsoever kind and nature, and can only regain them when reinstated according to the Constitution and Laws.

NOTICES.

HOW GIVEN.

66. (1) Any notice required by the Constitution or Laws to be given to a High Court shall be deemed to be

duly given upon the mailing of such notice in a registered letter, directed to either the High Chief Ranger or High Secretary of such High Court, at their last known Post Office address; the time of such notice shall be computed from the date of the mailing of such letter.

(2) Any notice required by the Constitution and Laws to be given to a Subordinate Court, or to any of the members thereof, shall be deemed to be duly given upon the mailing of such notice in a registered letter, directed to either the Court Deputy High Chief Ranger, the Chief Ranger, or the Recording Secretary of such Court, or to the member himself, at the last known Post Office address; the time of such notice shall be computed from the time of mailing such letter.

CHARGES AND SUSPENSIONS

(A) OF COURTS.

67. The Dispensation or Charter of a High or Subordinate Court may be suspended and the Court dissolved, and its Charter or Dispensation forfeited to the Supreme Court—

(1) For improper, insubordinate, or rebellious conduct.

(2) For neglecting or refusing to conform to the Constitution, Laws, Rules or Regulations of the Supreme Court.

(3) For neglecting to hold regular meetings, unless prevented from doing so by some unforeseen circumstance, or when its membership diminishes to less than five in number.

(4) For neglecting or refusing to make any required returns, or for nonpayment of any assessment, or tax, or dues, provided for in the Constitution or Laws, or that may be ordered by the Supreme Court or Executive Council, or by a High Court, or by a High Standing Committee.

NOTICE OF CHARGES.

68. (1) But the Dispensation or Charter shall not be forfeited in either of the above cases, except as provided in Sections *seventy-three*, *seventy-four* or *seventy-five* of the Constitution, until the High or Subordinate Court shall have

been notified of its offence by the Supreme or High Secretary, and an opportunity has been given to answer the charge or charges against it.

(2) In the case of a High Court, at least *thirty days* must elapse between the date of notice of charges and the date of trial, and in the case of a Subordinate Court, at least *seven days* must elapse between such dates.

DISSOLUTION OF COURTS.

69. (1) To dissolve a High or Subordinate Court, and declare the Charter or Dispensation forfeited to the Supreme Court, a two-thirds vote of all the members present at any regular session of the Supreme Court, or at a special session called for the purpose, shall be required.

(2) Or it may be done by a unanimous vote of the members of the Executive Council present at any meeting.

(3) If a High Court shall be suspended as above, the Subordinate Courts under its jurisdiction shall immediately come under the exclusive jurisdiction of, and make all their reports and remittances to, the Supreme Court.

COMMISSIONERS MAY TAKE TESTIMONY.

70. (1) If the Executive Council or High Standing Committee, on receipt of the answer of the Subordinate Court to charges which shall have been preferred, is not in possession of the facts connected therewith, it may proceed to summon before them such members of the Order as are cognizant of the facts, and direct also the presentation before them of all books, papers, letters and other documents bearing on the subject-matter.

(2) Should it, however, be inconvenient for the Executive Council or High Standing Committee to sit and hear the evidence, or any part thereof, it may refer the same, or any part thereof, to one or more Past Chief Rangers, residing near the location of the accused Court, to act as Commissioners to take testimony, and before whom the parties shall be summoned, with their Counsel and evidence, their books and papers. The evidence so taken

shall be reduced to writing, and returned by the Commissioners to the Executive Council or High Standing Committee.

(3) Upon receipt thereof, by the Supreme Secretary or High Secretary, he shall give notice to the parties, when the written testimony will be presented to the Executive Council or High Standing Committee and the respective parties shall be heard by Counsel, if they desire it, after which the cause will be determined. No person shall appear as Counsel except a Forester in good standing

CONTEMPT OF SUMMONS.

71. When charges are preferred against a High or Subordinate Court, and it neglects or refuses to answer the same within the time prescribed by Section *sixty-eight*, Sub-section *two* of the Constitution, such charges may be tried *ex parte*, or the Charter or Dispensation of the Court may be suspended, and the Court dissolved for contempt of summons, at the discretion of the Supreme Court or of the Executive Council.

COURT UNDER CHARGE CANNOT DISPOSE OF PROPERTY OR FUNDS.

72. When a Subordinate Court shall have notice that charges are preferred against it, or that its Charter or Dispensation has been suspended, such Court shall not, during the pendency of such charges, or during the continuance of such suspension, grant any withdrawal card except to members who have removed, or who intend, *bona fide*, within one month after their application, to remove out of the district in which such Court is located; and until such charges are disposed of, such Court shall make no disposition or transfer of any of its property—rituals, books, regalia, furniture, effects or funds—except to pay its debts and current expenses, benefits accruing to members, and assessments for the Endowment or other Benefit Funds of the Order.

SUMMARY SUSPENSION AND DISSOLUTION OF COURTS.

73. (1) A High or Subordinate Court may be summarily suspended, and the members thereof deprived of all

the benefits of the Order by the Executive Council, or by the Supreme Chief Ranger, whenever such High or Subordinate Court shall wilfully refuse or neglect to make its returns, or fails to pay its assessments to the Endowment or other Funds, or fails to pay its taxes or dues to the Supreme or High Court at the time they fall due, or wilfully violates any law of the Order.

(2) When a High Court is in open rebellion to the Constitution or Laws, or is in contempt of the authority of the Executive Council or of the Supreme Chief Ranger, its Dispensation or Charter may be immediately suspended by the Executive Council or by the Supreme Chief Ranger, and the Court may thereafter be dissolved, and its Dispensation or Charter declared forfeited by the Executive Council.

(3) When a Subordinate Court is in open rebellion to the Constitution or Laws, or is in contempt of the constituted authorities, its Dispensation or Charter may be immediately suspended by the Supreme Chief Ranger, or by the High Chief Ranger of the jurisdiction, and its Charter or Dispensation may be declared forfeited by the Executive Council.

CONTEMPT BY A COURT.

74. Any Court refusing or neglecting to transmit any books, papers or returns required by the Executive Council, or by the Supreme Chief Ranger, or by the High Standing Committee, or High Chief Ranger, as the case may be, or refusing to obey the legal mandates of the Executive Council, or of the Supreme Chief Ranger, or of the High Standing Committee, or of the High Chief Ranger, shall be deemed to be in contempt, and may have its Charter or Dispensation forthwith suspended by the Executive Council, or by the Supreme Chief Ranger, or by the High Standing Committee, or by the High Chief Ranger, as the case may be, and its Charter may thereafter be declared forfeited by the Executive Council or by the Supreme Court, and the Court dissolved.

COURT STANDING SUSPENDED.

75. Any Court which fails to transmit the monthly or other returns required by the Constitution and Laws, within

the time specified therein, or fails to pay, at the time specified by the Constitution and Laws, any dues, capitation tax or assessments, may be forthwith suspended by the Executive Council or by the Supreme Chief Ranger; or if not so suspended, and such Court continues to be in default to the end of the then current month, then in that case it shall *ipso facto* stand suspended upon the first day of the next succeeding month after such default; and any time thereafter its Charter or Dispensation may be revoked and declared forfeited by the Executive Council or by the Supreme Court, and the Court dissolved.

PROPERTY AND FUNDS OF SUSPENDED OR DEFUNCT COURTS.

76. (1) Upon the suspension, or surrender, or forfeiture of the Charter or Dispensation of a Court, it shall be the duty, collectively and individually, of the Officers having the custody of the Charter or Dispensation, books, papers, furniture or other property or effects and funds of the Court, to assign, transfer and deliver the same to the Supreme Chief Ranger, or to such party or parties as may be specially deputed by the Supreme Chief Ranger to receive the same, which shall be held by said party so receiving, subject to the order of the Supreme Chief Ranger, or of the Executive Council.

(2) Any Officer or member having any Charter, Dispensation, rituals, books, papers, furniture or other property or effects, or funds of such suspended or dissolved Court in his custody, possession, or control, neglecting or refusing to assign, transfer and deliver the same forthwith to the Supreme Chief Ranger, or to the duly appointed Deputy of the Supreme Chief Ranger, shall be forever excluded from membership in the Order, notwithstanding such Court should afterwards be restored to good standing, and shall be liable to the Supreme Court to double the value of such property, and which may be recovered in any court of competent jurisdiction, at the suit of the Supreme Court, or of any other party who may be duly authorized to act in behalf of the Supreme Court, by the Supreme Chief Ranger.

SUCH PROPERTY AND FUNDS TO BE KEPT SEPARATE.

77. The Charter or Dispensation, rituals, books, papers, furniture or other property or effects or funds received from any Subordinate Court under the preceding Section, shall be kept separate and apart from the other property or funds of the Supreme Court, and such funds shall not be estimated as part of the funds of the Supreme Court, but shall be held for the purpose of returning to the Court whence it came, on its being reinstated, or upon the expiration of the period of its suspension; provided, however, that in the event said Court should not be reinstated within one year, the funds and effects received from such Court shall be disposed of and used, under the direction of the Supreme Chief Ranger, in aiding or assisting the growth and progress of the Order.

VALUING PROPERTY AND EFFECTS OF DEFUNCT COURTS.

78. Whenever the Trustees or other Officers or members of a Court, whose Charter or Dispensation has been suspended, annulled, surrendered or forfeited, fail forthwith to assign, transfer, and deliver the Charter, Dispensation, books, papers, furniture or other property or effects and funds of such Court, to the Supreme Chief Ranger, or to such party or parties as may be specially deputed by him, as provided in the Constitution and Laws of the Supreme Court, the Executive Council shall forthwith estimate the value, to the Supreme Court, of such property or effects, or any part of the same, and such estimate shall be taken as the value of such property or effects in any suit which may be brought under the provisions of this Constitution.

STATUS OF MEMBERS OF SUSPENDED OR DISSOLVED COURTS.

79. (1) Any member of a Court whose Charter or Dispensation has been suspended, and any member of a Court which has surrendered or forfeited its Charter or Dispensation, who was in good standing at the time of such suspension, surrender or forfeiture, may be admitted into any other

Court, after having received from the Supreme Chief Ranger a card signed by him, and countersigned by the Supreme Secretary, under the seal of the Supreme Court.

(2) Such card shall not be granted until the brother has given satisfactory evidence that he was in good standing at the date of such surrender, suspension or forfeiture of such Dispensation or Charter, and has paid into the Supreme Court all fees, dues, assessments, capitation tax, fines or other claims to date, that he would otherwise have had to pay, including any deficiency arising from neglect or failure of the Officers of such defaulting or defunct Court to pay over to the Supreme Court any assessments, fees or dues, capitation tax or other claims paid by such member into the treasury of his Subordinate Court, and which should have been paid over to the Supreme Court by such Subordinate Court; and such member shall apply for such card within *thirty days* from the date of the suspension, surrender or forfeiture of the Charter or Dispensation of the Court.

(3) The application for such card must also be accompanied with the fee of *one* dollar, and a declaration of health, or if required by the Executive Council, or by the Supreme Chief Ranger, then such applicant must also furnish the certificate of the Medical Board that the applicant has passed the Medical Board within the last past *ten days;* the card shall hold good for *one year*, when it must be renewed.

(4) Members of a Court whose Charter or Dispensation has been suspended, surrendered or forfeited, shall not be entitled to any benefits until they have received a card from the Supreme Chief Ranger, as above provided; and if they fail to apply for such card within *thirty days* from the date of such suspension, surrender or forfeiture of the Dispensation or Charter of their Court, they shall stand suspended; but they may be readmitted into another Court as new members, without the ceremony of initiation; provided, that a statement of the facts in the case shall be submitted with, and made a part of, the application for such new membership.

(5) Any member of such Court who had his assessments, at the time of such suspension, surrender or forfeiture, paid

in advance into the Supreme Court, shall be deemed to be in good standing during the period covered by such advance payments, notwithstanding such suspension, surrender or forfeiture, unless he shall have wilfully contributed towards, or been a party to, such suspension, surrender or forfeiture, by rebellious, insubordinate or other unlawful conduct, in which case he shall forfeit all his rights in the Order as well as all his payments.

MEMBERS AT LARGE.

80. (1) Any member of a Court whose Charter or Dispensation has been suspended, surrendered or forfeited, who may be rejected, on depositing his card in other Courts may be preserved as a member at large; in which case he shall continue to pay his assessments to the Supreme Secretary; and in case of death, his beneficiary or personal representative shall be entitled to the endowment and other benefits of the Order, the same as if he were regularly a member of some Subordinate Court; provided, further, that said member shall pay, as dues, to the Supreme Court, *three* dollars per year in advance.

(2) A member at large shall be entitled to receive the current S.A.P.W. from the Chief Ranger of any Court, upon the order of the Supreme Chief Ranger. The Supreme Secretary shall keep a roll of all members at large, and their standing in the Order. In case of the death of a member at large, the necessary proofs of claim may be executed by the Officers of the nearest Court or by the Supreme Secretary.

(B) TRIAL OF MEMBERS.

81. Every member shall be entitled to a fair trial for any offence involving fine, reprimand, suspension or expulsion, excepting for nonpayment of dues or capitation tax, or assessments, or for contempt of the Constitution and Laws, or for insubordination or rebellion, or for other causes specified in the Constitution and Laws.

CHARGES.

82. No member shall be put upon trial unless charges duly specifying the offence, and date of such offence, so as fully to apprise him of the nature thereof, and enable him to prepare for his defence, shall be submitted in writing to the Court having jurisdiction, or to the High Standing Committee, or to the Executive Council, signed by a member of the Order.

CHARGES IN SUBORDINATE COURT.

83. (1) If the charges are preferred in a Subordinate Court, they shall forthwith be referred to the Arbitration Committee.

(2) Such Committee shall, before the next regular meeting of the Court, summon the parties and try the case, giving to the parties at least *twenty-four hours'* notice of trial.

(3) They shall keep minutes of their proceedings and evidence, which they shall report to the Court at its next regular meeting, together with their decision on the charges. Upon such report being made, notice thereof shall forthwith be given, by the Secretary, to the parties in the cause, and if neither party take an appeal therefrom, in writing, within the time specified in Section *one hundred and fourteen*, it shall be final.

(4) Any member of the Arbitration Committee making known the individual action or votes of any member thereof, in any trial, shall be expelled or suspended, as the Court may determine.

WITNESSES MUST ATTEND.

84. Any member duly summoned to attend as a witness to give evidence on any trial, failing to do so without a proper excuse, or failing to give proper and truthful answers to all legitimate questions on such trial, may be fined, suspended or expelled, as the Court, or Executive Council, or High Standing Committee shall direct.

FIXING PENALTIES.

85. If the Committee decide that the charges are sustained, and no appeal taken therefrom, or if the Court shall, on appeal, decide that the charges are sustained, it shall proceed to fix a penalty for the offence. If a specific penalty be provided in the Constitution and Laws, the Chief Ranger shall enforce it. If none be so provided, the Court shall decide, by ballot, whether the penalty shall be expulsion, suspension, fine or reprimand. During the ballot the accused brother shall withdraw from the Court-room. If two-thirds of the ballots are for expulsion, then the penalty shall be expulsion; but if there are not two-thirds for expulsion, and it should appear that the number of the ballots, if any, which are cast for expulsion, together with those which are cast for suspension, amount to two-thirds of the ballots cast, then suspension shall be the penalty, and the Court shall proceed to fix the duration of such suspension. If neither expulsion nor suspension is determined, as the penalty above provided, then the penalty shall be fine or reprimand, as the Court may determine. No ballot held under this Section shall be reconsidered.

CONTEMPT BY A MEMBER.

86. If the accused refuse or neglect to stand trial when personally duly summoned, the Committee shall report him guilty of contempt of Court, which report shall be conclusive as to the guilt of the accused, and the punishment shall be determined as laid down in Section *eighty-five*, which shall take effect at the expiration of *two* weeks, unless an excuse is tendered for such absence which will be satisfactory to the Court. If a satisfactory excuse is given, the trial shall be begun *de novo*. In case of non-residence of the accused, he may be represented by his Counsel, and tried as though present, if he so elect.

REPRIMAND—HOW GIVEN.

87. When a member shall be subject to the penalty of reprimand, he shall be summoned to attend at some regular

meeting, to be fixed by the Chief Ranger, to be reprimanded from the Chief Ranger's chair; and should he fail to attend at the time appointed, he shall thereby be suspended from all the benefits and privileges of membership until he so attends and is reprimanded; and if a member is fined, he shall pay the same before the first day of the next succeeding month, failing which he shall stand suspended until the fine is paid and the member properly reinstated.

NOTICE OF SUSPENSION TO BE GIVEN.

88. Notice of the expulsion or suspension of a member shall, after the expiration of *twenty days* from the date thereof, be given to the Courts of the district; provided, if a member, expelled or suspended, has filed, according to law, an appeal against the action of his Court, such notice shall not be given until the higher tribunal or tribunals shall have adjudicated upon the matter.

OFFICERS UNDER CHARGE NOT TO OFFICIATE.

89. (1) No Officer shall officiate during the trial of a charge duly preferred against him. Should the Supreme Chief Ranger or High Chief Ranger be under charges, the Junior Past Supreme Chief Ranger or the Junior Past High Chief Ranger, as the case may be, shall preside while any question arising therefrom shall be under consideration; but should there be no Junior Past Supreme Chief Ranger or Junior Past High Chief Ranger present, then the Supreme Court or Executive Council, or High Court or High Standing Committee, as the case may be, shall designate any member or Officer of the Order to preside.

(2) When charges are preferred against an Officer of the Supreme or High Court, the same shall be tried by the Supreme Court or Executive Council, or by the High Court or High Standing Committee, as the case may be.

CHARGES AGAINST DEPUTIES.

90. Charges against any Deputy of the Supreme Chief Ranger or of a High Chief Ranger, for acts connected with

the discharge of his official duties, shall be tried by the Executive Council or by the High Standing Committee, as the case may be.

MEMBERS STANDING SUSPENDED.

91. (1) Any member failing to pay any dues, capitation tax, assessment, special tax or other demands of the Order, within the time specified in the Constitution or Laws, shall *ipso facto* stand suspended.

(2) Any member who shall be guilty of contempt of the Constitution or Laws, or for insubordination, or for rebellion to the constituted authorities of the Order, shall *ipso facto* stand suspended.

SUSPENDED MEMBERS NOT ENTITLED TO SEATS IN COURT.

92. Any suspended member forcing himself into a Court when in session shall *ipso facto* stand expelled; and any Court permitting a suspended or expelled member to sit in Court while in session shall have its Charter or Dispensation forthwith suspended by the Supreme Chief Ranger or by the High Chief Ranger, and reported to the Executive Council or High Standing Committee, who may at once annul or revoke the Charter or Dispensation, and dissolve the Court.

SUSPENSION WORKS A VACANCY IN OFFICE.

93. Suspension from the Order shall operate as a disqualification for office; and any office held in the Order at the time of suspension shall be deemed to have been vacated, and shall be filled as provided by law, unless an appeal is duly taken, in which case the disqualification shall not take place till the appeal is determined.

PROFANITY IN COURT.

94. A member who shall be guilty of profanity in the Court, or enter any Court in a state of intoxication, shall be

suspended or expelled, as the Court of which he is a member may determine, provided that for the first offence he may be fined *five* dollars.

REVEALING SECRETS.

95. A member who shall reveal any of the private affairs of this Order shall be expelled. The mode of procedure to gain admission into any Court, its signs, grips, passwords, business transacted in any Court, etc., are matters alike to be kept inviolate.

MISAPPROPRIATION OF FUNDS OR PROPERTY.

96. (1) Should any Officer or member wilfully appropriate any of the funds, property or other effects of the Order, or of any Court thereof, to his own use, he shall, upon conviction thereof, be expelled.

(2) Or should he wilfully damage or destroy any part of the Regalia or other property of any Court, he shall make it good at his own expense, or be suspended from the Court

CONCEALING INFIRMITIES.

97. No member shall be entitled to any Sick, Funeral or Endowment Benefits who may have concealed any disorder or infirmity at the time of his entrance; and for false statements in his application or medical examination he shall stand expelled.

OBTAINING MEMBERSHIP OR BENEFITS THROUGH FRAUD.

98. Any member who shall obtain membership, or try to obtain any benefits through fraud, by false representations in his application or medical examination, or concealing his age, or any mental or physical infirmity, or suppressing any material facts relating to himself, shall *ipso facto* forfeit all benefits whatsoever that he or his heirs would otherwise have been entitled to receive, and on conviction shall stand expelled from the Order.

SUSPENDED OR EXPELLED MEMBERS CANNOT BE RECEIVED INTO OTHER COURTS.

99. No suspended or expelled member of one Court can be received into membership in another Court without the consent of the Court from which he was suspended or expelled, unless by dispensation of the Supreme Chief Ranger.

UNWORTHY MEMBERS.

100. (1) Any member who shall violate any of the principles of the Order, or offend against the Constitution, Laws or Rules of Order, or throw discredit upon the Order by improper or disreputable conduct, may be fined, reprimanded, suspended or expelled.

(2) Any member who shall try to bring contempt upon the Order by speaking disrespectfully of the Supreme Court, or any of its Officers, or of any High Court, or of any of its Officers, or of any Subordinate Court, or of any of its Officers, may be immediately suspended by the Executive Council, and, on conviction, shall be expelled from the Order.

(3) If an Officer so offends, the Supreme Chief Ranger or High Chief Ranger shall suspend him from office at once, and the fact reported to the Executive Council, or High Standing Committee, or Subordinate Court, as the case may be, to be further dealt with, and, on conviction, shall be expelled.

INTEMPERATE MEMBERS.

101. (1) The Supreme Chief Ranger, upon receiving credible information that a member is habitually using intoxicants or narcotics to such excess as to endanger his life, or to materially affect the risk upon his life, shall order the Supreme Physician, or some other physician, to make a proper investigation, and if, upon the investigation, the Supreme Chief Ranger is satisfied from the evidence that the brother is using intoxicants or opium or other narcotics to such excess as to endanger his life, or to materially affect the

risk upon his life, he shall so report to the Executive Council, whereupon the Executive Council shall suspend such offending brother from all benefits of the Order.

(2) A member of the Order suspended under this Section cannot again be reinstated, except he first pass the medical examination prescribed for initiates, and being balloted for and accepted by his own Court, when the Executive Council may order his reinstatement. Upon the receipt of such order of the Executive Council by the Subordinate Court, and upon the suspended member paying all dues and assessments he would otherwise have paid had he remained continuously a beneficiary member, he shall be reinstated to his former *status* in the Order.

FELONY AND TREASON FELONY.

102. Any member of the Order engaging in or participating in any felony or treason felony, shall *ipso facto* stand expelled from the Order.

DEFRAUDING THE ORDER.

103. Any Officer or member guilty of an attempt to defraud the Supreme Court, or a High Court, or a Subordinate Court, by improperly claiming benefits, or falsely certifying to any alleged illness or disability, shall, on conviction, *stand expelled* from the Order, and the trial shall be held before the Executive Council or the High Standing Committee of the jurisdiction.

DETAINING FUNDS OF THE SUPREME COURT OR OF A HIGH COURT.

104. (1) Any Officer of a Court, or any Deputy detaining any funds whatsoever, paid by any member, either for the Endowment Fund or the Supreme Court Sick and Funeral Fund, or any capitation tax or dues, and failing to forward the same to the Supreme Court at the time directed in the Constitution and Laws, shall *ipso facto* stand suspended, and he may be further dealt with, summarily or otherwise, by and at the discretion of the Executive Council.

(2) Any Court sanctioning or allowing the detention of any funds, by the Financial Secretary, or by any of its Officers, shall *ipso facto* work a suspension of its Charter or Dispensation, and it may be further dealt with by and at the discretion of the Executive Council.

(3) Any member of a Court suspended as above, who has been a party to, or aided in any way whatsoever, directly or indirectly, in the detention of such funds, shall stand suspended, and shall not be reinstated, except at the discretion of the Executive Council.

REINSTATEMENTS

(A) OF COURTS.

105. (1) Any High or Subordinate Court, whose Dispensation or Charter has been suspended by the Executive Council, or by the Supreme Chief Ranger, may be reinstated upon the removal of the cause of suspension, or the Executive Council or Supreme Chief Ranger may, for satisfactory reasons, rescind the order of suspension; provided, that in case a Subordinate Court has been suspended for more than *one month*, it shall not be reinstated, or the order for its suspension rescinded, until the members thereof desiring to be reinstated have passed the medical examination, as required from original applicants for membership, and paid all assessments that they would have otherwise paid had they not been suspended.

(2) Upon the application of five or more members for the reinstatement of a suspended Court, said applicants, or such portion thereof as may be approved of by the Supreme Chief Ranger, if they exceed five in number, may have said Court reinstated, and be restored to fellowship therein. Said reinstated Court, with such of the members as may be accepted, may again receive the Charter and Dispensation, or, in case of its loss, a new one, together with any effects or funds of the Court at the time of its suspension or dissolution that may yet be in the hands of the Supreme Court undisposed of.

(3) No Court, however, shall be reinstated until all its arrearages to the Supreme Court and to the High Court shall have been paid up in full, and till the applicants therein shall have passed the medical examination required of initiates.

(B) OF MEMBERS.

106. (1) Any member of a Court having been regularly expelled or suspended for other causes than nonpayment of any accrued liabilities, may be reinstated to his former *status* by being duly proposed therefor at a regular meeting, and his case referred to a committee of three brothers, who shall report at the next regular meeting, when the vote shall be taken by ball ballot, and if two-thirds of the members voting are in favor of the reinstatement, it shall be made, on the applicant passing the medical examination required of initiates.

(2) Provided that in case of an expelled member the vote for reinstatement shall not be final until approved by the Supreme Chief Ranger or by the Executive Council.

107. (1) A member suspended for nonpayment of any accrued liability, such as assessments, dues, capitation tax and fines, may be reinstated without ballot, upon the presentation of a petition upon Form number *seven*, at any time within *thirty days* from date of suspension, by paying all assessments, dues, capitation tax and fines that he would have paid had he remained continuously in good standing;

(2) Upon presentation of such petition to the Court at any meeting, if the Court does not require a regular medical re-examination, such petition shall be forwarded to the Supreme Secretary with the recommendation of the Court endorsed thereon, whereupon the Supreme Secretary shall lay the same before the Executive Council or Supreme Chief Ranger, and if no medical re-examination is deemed necessary by them, or either of them, the applicant shall be deemed to be reinstated, and so entered on the books of the Supreme Court ;

(3) But if the Supreme Chief Ranger or Executive Council or the Court orders a regular medical examination, then the applicant shall not be reinstated till after he has again passed the medical examination of the Order, the same as initiates.

108. (1) Any member suspended for nonpayment of any accrued liability, and not having been reinstated within *thirty days* from the date of suspension, as provided in Section *one hundred and seven*, can be reinstated on payment of all arrearages, passing again the medical examination of the Order, and being approved by a two-thirds vote of his Court.

(2) Or by being re-examined, paying again the enrolment fee, and being rated at his present age, and being approved by a two-thirds vote of his Court.

109. On the reinstatement of any member, the Financial Secretary shall at once transmit due notice, on Form number *eight* to the Supreme Secretary, giving name in full and date of reinstatement, and no one shall be deemed to be reinstated till after the transmission of such notice.

110. No member of the Order can, under any circumstances, be reinstated without he is, at the time of reinstatement, in good bodily and mental health; and any Court knowingly reinstating a member while ill or disabled, or is in any way unsound in mind or body, shall *ipso facto* forfeit its Charter, and the Court shall be dissolved, and shall not have its Charter renewed; and such reinstatement shall be deemed to be irregular and void, and of no effect; and if the member sought to be reinstated has been a consenting party to such irregularity, he shall be expelled from the Order by the Executive Council.

APPEALS.

111. (1) The right of appeal shall be vested in every member of the Order, and in case of the death or disability

of a member, the right of appeal shall be vested in his beneficiary or personal representative.

(2) The right of appeal shall also be vested with every High Court, Subordinate Court or Encampment, and an appeal shall lie against the action or decision of any Officer or of any Court or Encampment, except that of the Supreme Court, whose action shall be final and conclusive in all cases.

(3) Any aggrieved party failing to take an appeal from any action or decision in the manner, and within the time laid down in Section *one hundred and fourteen*, shall be bound by such action or decision, and shall have no further recourse, whether in law or equity, in respect of the subject-matter of such action or decision.

ORDER OF SEQUENCE OF APPEALS.

112. (1) Appeals from the action of any of the Subordinate Officers of any Court or Encampment shall be taken to the Presiding Officer of such Court or Encampment, to wit: the Chief Ranger, the Illustrious Commander, the High Chief Ranger, or the Supreme Chief Ranger, as the case may be.

(2) The appeal from the Chief Ranger shall be to the Court.

(3) From the Court to the Court Deputy High Chief Ranger.

(4) From the Court Deputy High Chief Ranger to the District Deputy High Chief Ranger.

(5) From the District Deputy High Chief Ranger to the High Chief Ranger.

(6) From the High Chief Ranger to the High Standing Committee.

(7) From the High Standing Committee to the High Court.

(8) From the High Court to the Supreme Chief Ranger.

(9) From the Supreme Chief Ranger to the Executive Council.

(10) From the Executive Council to the Supreme Court.

APPEALS DIRECT TO THE SUPREME CHIEF RANGER.

113. (1) By consent of the High Standing Committee, an appeal may be taken direct from the High Chief Ranger to the Supreme Chief Ranger, thence in the order of sequence laid down in the next preceding Section.

(2) In all matters relating to the Endowment Law or to the General Law, the appeal shall be direct to the Supreme Chief Ranger, thence in the order of sequence laid down in the next preceding Section.

MODE OF APPEALS.

114. (1) All appeals must be taken within *ten days*.

(2) The appellant must take the appeal in writing (except from the decision of a Chief Ranger to a Subordinate Court or from that of a High Chief Ranger to a High Court in session, or from that of a Supreme Chief Ranger to the Supreme Court in session), and immediately notify the appellee, the appellant certifying to that effect. Every appeal must state the grounds of appeal.

(3) Official copies of all the records and documents in regard to the decision, and all evidence relating to the subject, properly authenticated, or verified by affidavit or statutory declaration, shall be forwarded to the higher authority within *ten days* from date of appeal; and such return shall be final unless otherwise ordered by the authority to whom the appeal is taken.

(4) All appeals must be decided or referred to the next higher authority within *ten days* from the receipt of the same, and the parties interested forthwith notified of such decision or reference in writing, except in the case of an appeal to a Subordinate Court or to a Court Deputy High Chief Ranger, which must be decided at the same session or at the next regular session of the Subordinate Court; or, in the case of an appeal to a High or Supreme Court, which shall be decided at the next succeeding session thereof, such notification shall be sufficiently given by posting the same, enclosed in a registered letter, directed to the last known address of the appellant.

APPEALS OF SUBORDINATE COURTS NOT UNDER A HIGH COURT.

115. When a Subordinate Court is working under the immediate jurisdiction of the Supreme Court, all appeals shall be made to the Supreme Chief Ranger from the Court Deputy Supreme Chief Ranger, thence in the order of sequence laid down in Section *one hundred and twelve;* and all communications with the Supreme Court shall be made through the Supreme Chief Ranger or the Supreme Secretary.

INTERDICTION

OF DANGEROUS UNDERTAKINGS OR EXPERIMENTS.

116. (1) Any member of the Order, who is about to engage in or undertake any experiment or employment which is of so dangerous a character as likely to imperil life or limb or health, may be interdicted from proceeding with the same by the Supreme Chief Ranger, or any of his Deputies, or by a High Chief Ranger, or any of his Deputies.

(2) And any member so interdicted disregarding such interdiction, shall *ipso facto* forfeit all his claims upon any fund or benefit of any Court of the Order; and should any injury or illness result to him, directly or indirectly, from such proposed undertaking or experiment, he shall not be entitled to receive any benefit whatsoever from any Court of the Order, on account of any such injury or illness.

(3) And should his death be directly or indirectly caused by or due to such interdicted experiment or undertaking, his beneficiary or beneficiaries, or personal representative or representatives, shall not be entitled to receive, and shall not be paid, any portion of the endowment or other funds, but all claims of such beneficiary or beneficiaries, or personal representative or representatives, upon any benefit or other funds of the Order shall be *ipso facto* forfeited.

(4) The following or similar terms shall be used in interdicting a member :

To Brother .....
of .....

Take notice, that you are hereby forbidden to engage in or undertake.

(Here describe the experiment or undertaking to be interdicted.)

Also take notice, that if you continue the said proposed experiment or undertaking, you do so at your own risk, and should any injury or illness, directly or indirectly, result from, or your death be caused by or be due to, such experiment or undertaking, you will not be entitled to receive any benefit whatsoever from any Court of the Order ; and in case of your death, your beneficiary or beneficiaries, or personal representative or representatives, will not be entitled to receive, nor will they be paid, any portion of the endowment or other funds of any Court of the Order.

Yours in L. B. & C.

Signature .....

Dated at .....
this .....

(5) Any member who has been interdicted, as heretofore provided, may appeal to the Executive Council, who, if satisfied that the proposed experiment or undertaking is not of a dangerous character, or is of a meritorious or humane character, may set such interdiction aside ; but in every such case, the interdiction shall remain binding and in full force till set aside by the Executive Council.

UNLAWFUL AND FOOLHARDY UNDERTAKINGS.

117. Any member of the Order engaging in or participating in any unlawful or foolhardy undertaking, shall not be entitled to receive any benefits from, nor shall he be paid any benefits by, any Court of the Order for any injury or illness which may be directly or indirectly caused by or be due to such unlawful or foolhardy undertaking; and should his death be caused by, or be due to, directly or indirectly, such experiment or undertaking, his beneficiary or

beneficiaries, or personal representative or representatives, shall not be entitled to receive, and shall not be paid, any benefit whatsoever.

FEES.

(A) OF THE SUPREME COURT.

118. The fees payable to the Supreme Court, besides those provided for in the Endowment Law, and otherwise in the Constitution and Laws, shall be as follows:

(1) Charter fee for a High Court.....	$ 50 00
(2) Charter fee for an Encampment of Royal Foresters.....	100 00
(3) Charter fee for a Subordinate Court instituted by the Supreme Court.....	100 00
(4) Fee for a Charter of a Subordinate Court instituted by a High Court.....	5 00
(5) For each member at large, payable annually in advance.....	3 00
(6) For each beneficiary member of a Subordinate Court, not under a High Court, an annual *per capita* tax, payable semi-annually in advance.....	1 00
(7) From each High Court an annual *per capita* tax, payable semi-annually in advance, for each beneficiary member under its jurisdiction.....	25

(B) OF HIGH COURTS.

119. The fees payable to a High Court shall be as follows:

(1) For the Charter fee of each Subordinate Court instituted by a High Court.....	$100 00
(2) For each Court instituted within its jurisdiction by the Supreme Court, a royalty of..	5 00

(3) For each beneficiary member under its jurisdiction, a *per capita* tax per annum, payable semi-annually in advance in January and July of each year.....50 cts to $1 00

(C) OF SUBORDINATE COURTS.

120. The fees payable to a Subordinate Court shall be—

(1) For initiation fee (except Charter members), such sum as may be fixed by a Court in its By-laws, to be not less than *five* dollars, which shall include the fee for a certificate of membership and of endowment, as well as the bonus paid to Agents for securing new members.

(2) For membership by deposit of card, *fifty* cents.

(3) For a Court Physician's examination, a fee of not less than *one* dollar, whether accepted or rejected.

(4) For a travelling card, *fifty* cents.

(5) For a withdrawal card, *fifty* cents.

(6) Monthly dues, such sums as may be fixed by a Court in its By-laws.

(7) For Sick and Funeral Benefits, such monthly sums as a Court in its By-laws may provide, or according to the Supreme Court rates provided for in Section *one hundred and sixty-two.*

(8) For Endowment Benefits, such monthly sums as are laid down in the Endowment Laws of the Order.

(9) For Enrolment fee, a sum equivalent to one assessment, according to age and amount of endowment taken, as laid down in Section *one hundred and seventy-seven.*

CHARTERS AND DISPENSATIONS.

121. (1) All Charters for Courts shall emanate from the Supreme Court only; High Courts may, however, issue Dispensations for a Charter for new Courts within their own territorial jurisdiction, and when the High Court is not in session, Dispensations for the formation of Subordinate Courts may be granted by either the High Chief Ranger or

High Standing Committee; but in every case immediate notice of the issuance of such Dispensation must be sent to the Supreme Secretary.

(2) It is to be distinctly understood that the Charter fee is paid for the privilege of instituting a Court, and not for the purpose of paying for any supplies. The Dispensation, Charter, rituals, seal and all other supplies are given in trust—*not sold*—to Courts, to be used only for the purposes of the Independent Order of Foresters; and whenever the Dispensation or Charter of a Court is suspended, annulled, revoked or forfeited, from any cause whatsoever, the Dispensation, Charter, rituals, seal, and all supplies, funds, furniture, regalia or other property and effects accumulated by such Court shall be delivered over to the Supreme Chief Ranger, or to any one who may be appointed by him, to be held, subject to the order of the Supreme Court or Executive Council, for the sole use of the Independent Order of Foresters.

(3) All Dispensations and Charters are subject to revocation and annulment by the Supreme Court or the Executive Council, as provided in this Constitution and Laws.

HIGH COURTS.

INSTITUTION OF HIGH COURTS.

122. (1) High Courts may be instituted in any Province of the Dominion of Canada, or groups of Provinces, or in such other localities as the Supreme Court or Executive Council shall determine, where six or more Subordinate Courts are in good standing, with a total membership of not less than one hundred and fifty, upon proper application being made to the Supreme Court, or to the Supreme Chief Ranger during a recess of this Supreme Court. Said application must be signed by the Chief Ranger and Recording Secretary of not less than six Courts, located within the territory, and in good standing, with the seals of the Courts attached, which Courts must be a majority of all the Courts

in such territory; *provided*, that the Executive Council may, in their discretion, grant a Charter with a less number of Subordinate Courts or members than is required above.

(2) The Supreme Chief Ranger, or his Deputy, shall install the Officers of High Courts, communicate the passwords to the High Chief Ranger, and make report thereof within *five days* to the Supreme Secretary.

COMPOSITION AND POWERS.

123. High Courts shall be composed of its Officers, Past Executive Officers, and Representatives from Subordinate Courts. The powers of High Courts shall be: to grant Dispensations for the formation of, and to establish Subordinate Courts within their jurisdiction; to receive appeals and redress grievances; to decide questions arising out of the Laws of the Order, except those pertaining to the Endowment Fund, and Supreme Court Sick and Funeral Fund, subject to an appeal to the Supreme Court; to compensate their Officers and employes; to exercise and have general supervision of the Order in their respective jurisdictions; provided, however, they shall have no control of the Endowment Fund, nor of the Sick and Funeral Benefit Fund.

JURISDICTION.

124. Their jurisdiction shall be coextensive with their Province or State, or group of such, if so organized, or other territory, but may receive under their jurisdiction such Subordinate Courts of the Order [not in a High Court jurisdiction] as may apply therefor, by and with the consent of the Supreme Chief Ranger or Executive Council.

125 A High Court shall have power to make such By-laws for the regulation and government of its own internal economy as it may deem best; provided such By-laws do not in any way conflict with the Constitution and Laws of the Supreme Court; and provided they do not go into effect until approved by the Supreme Chief Ranger or

Executive Council, such approval to be given in writing, and attested with the signatures of the Supreme Chief Ranger and Supreme Secretary, and with the seal of the Supreme Court.

SUBORDINATE COURTS.

INSTITUTION OF SUBORDINATE COURTS.

126. (1) Subordinate Courts may be instituted in any district not proscribed by the Constitution and Laws of the Supreme Court, upon the petition of at least ten respectable citizens, who are otherwise qualified according to the provisions and requirements of this Constitution and Laws.

(2) A new Court shall consist of at least ten beneficiary members, holding a legal and unreclaimed Charter, granted or sanctioned by the Supreme Court of the Independent Order of Foresters, or holding a legal and unreclaimed Dispensation granted by a High Court in good standing in the Order.

(3) It cannot voluntarily surrender its Dispensation or Charter, or dissolve so long as five members (which constitutes a quorum) in good standing shall object thereto.

NEW COURTS WHERE OTHER COURTS EXIST.

127. A new Court shall not be instituted in any locality where a Court or Courts already exist without the consent, by a majority vote, of the members present of the Court or Courts already existing in such locality; provided, that where Courts object to the formation of a new Court the matter may be laid before the Supreme Chief Ranger, who may, with the concurrence of the Executive Council, overrule the objection of the Court or Courts, and grant a Charter for a new Court, if in his opinion the good of the Order requires it.

NAME OF COURT.

128. A Court shall not be named after a living person, nor adopt the name of an existing Court. A Court having

been organized *thirty days*, and having adopted a legal name, cannot change it without consent of the Supreme Chief Ranger, and of the High Court having jurisdiction over it.

FEES PAYABLE BY CHARTER MEMBERS.

129. (1) The fees payable by Charter members shall be the Charter fee..... . $100 00

(2) Fee for Certificate of Membership and of Endowment, each..... ..... 1 00

(3) Medical Examination fee, each.....$1.00 to 3 00

(4) An Enrolment fee, equivalent to one assessment, depending upon age and amount of endowment taken.

(5) The whole Charter fee must be paid by the Charter members at the time of the institution of the new Court, but the Charter members shall be entitled to a rebate, to be paid out of the first initiation fees, until their payments towards the Charter fee shall have been repaid to them in full.

CLOSING OF CHARTER.

130. The Charter shall be closed at the time of instituting a Court, and no person can be received as a Charter member after that time unless, previous to the institution of the Court, he shall have signed the application for a Charter, or unless at the next meeting after institution the Court determines to reopen its Charter, or unless a Dispensation is granted by the Supreme or High Chief Ranger.

BALLOTING AMONG CHARTER APPLICANTS.

131. The Supreme or High Chief Ranger, or other instituting Officer, shall require (at the request of any one of the applicants) the signers of an application for Charter to ballot among themselves to see whether or not they will associate with, as members of this Order, all the signers of the application. Should three black balls appear against any one, he shall have all his fees, except medical examination fees, returned to him at once, and be permitted to retire forthwith.

DUTIES OF INSTITUTING OFFICER.

132. It shall be the duty of a Deputy, acting as an instituting Officer, to see—

(1) That the Examining Physician is legally qualified and a member of the Order; provided, that if a member of the Order is not available to examine candidates, the Supreme Chief Ranger may, by special dispensation, authorize any duly qualified physician to examine the Charter members.

(2) To explain to the Charter members the duty of each Officer of a Court before an election is had.

(3) To instruct the Officers in their respective duties, and to exemplify the Ritual work.

(4) Not act as the Examining Physician of the Charter members unless by special Dispensation of the Supreme Chief Ranger.

133. A Court instituted by a High Court shall work under Dispensation until the next succeeding meeting of the Supreme Court after date of its institution, when the Charter may be granted by the Supreme Court.

MEMBERSHIP.

134. (1) The membership of this Order shall consist of Beneficiary, Social, Honorary and Special Members.

(2) The Beneficiary members shall be arranged in three classes, viz.: In the Ordinary Class, in the Endowment Class, and in the Extra Hazardous Class, and shall be composed of those (*a*) who have been legally elected and admitted to membership, (*b*) and whose medical examination shall have been favorably passed upon and approved by both the Court Physician and the Medical Board, (*c*) and shall not be over *fifty-five years* of age at the time of their initiation, except as provided in the next succeeding Sub-section *three*, (*d*) and shall have paid all the fees provided for in the Constitution and Laws.

(3) The Supreme Chief Ranger or a High Chief Ranger may grant a Dispensation to initiate a candidate who is

under *eighteen years* of age, and with the unanimous concurrence of the Executive Council in writing, candidates who are over *fifty-five years* of age, being otherwise fully qualified, may be admitted as beneficiary members upon their paying at initiation all assessments they would have had to pay had they joined the Order at *fifty-four years* of age.

(4) Charter members may be initiated as Social members, pending their passing their medical examinations, which must be done as soon after their initiation as practicable, and when passed by the Medical Board shall become beneficiary members.

(5) Social members are (*a*) those who have been elected and initiated into the Order, but whose medical examinations have not yet been approved by the Medical Board, or whose medical examinations have been disapproved by the Medical Board; (*b*) or who had passed the age of *fifty-five years* when initiated, and who have not obtained the Dispensation provided for in Section *one hundred and thirty-four*, Sub-section *three;* (*c*) or such beneficiary members as have forfeited or lost their rights as such, but who on application for reinstatement have failed to pass the medical examinations, but were admitted again as Social members at their request.

(6) Honorary members are those who shall have been elected as such by Subordinate Courts, on account of distinguished services to the country or to the Order, or on account of eminence in learning or philanthropy.

STATUS OF SOCIAL AND HONORARY MEMBERS.

135. Social and Honorary members are not assessable for the Endowment Fund, or for any other relief, aid or benefit fund of the Order, nor for the capitation tax, nor for dues, and are not entitled to any of the benefits of the Order. They may vote, and are eligible to any office excepting that of Chief Ranger or that of Representative to the High Court.

QUALIFICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP.

136. All applicants for membership, in addition to other requirements of the Constitution and Laws, shall—

(1) Believe in the existence of a Supreme Being;

(2) Not be of bad character, nor lead a dissolute life, nor have been convicted of felony, nor a frequenter of bad company, nor addicted to intoxication, nor of quarrelsome behavior, and must be in good sound health.

DISQUALIFICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP.

137. (1) All underground coal miners, sailors in sailing vessels, and all persons whose occupation may from time to time be scheduled by the Supreme Court or by the Executive Council as "Specially Dangerous," shall not be eligible for admission as beneficiary members.

(2) But such applicants may be admitted as "Special Members," and shall be entitled to the Sick Benefits and free medical attendance only, and shall not be entitled to the Funeral Benefits, nor to any part of the Endowment Fund, nor to any benefits connected with the Endowment Fund, such as the Total and Permanent Disability Benefit, the Annuity Benefit for aged Foresters, or the *one thousand* dollars, *two thousand* dollars, or *three thousand* dollars paid to beneficiaries upon the death of a beneficiary member.

(3) Special members shall pay the same initiation and other fees, and Court dues and capitation tax, as the beneficiary members, except that they shall not pay the monthly rates for the Endowment Fund.

(4) Any member knowingly proposing or recommending a candidate who is disqualified by the provisions of the Constitution or Laws, may be fined, suspended or expelled; and any Court knowingly initiating a person so disqualified may have its Dispensation or Charter suspended or annulled, and the Court dissolved at the discretion of the Executive Council.

MODE OF ELECTION OF MEMBERS.

138. (1) The name of the person offered for membership, with his age, residence and occupation, must be proposed at a regular meeting by a member.

(2) The application for membership must state the amount of endowment required, and the name or names of the beneficiary or beneficiaries, and must be signed by the applicant.

(3) It must be accompanied by at least *two* dollars as part of the initiation fee.

(4) The application shall forthwith be referred to a committee of three members for investigation, who shall report at the next succeeding regular meeting as to character and physical fitness.

(5) Unless the committee on character report unanimously against the applicant, the candidate shall be balloted for with ball ballots, and if not more than two black balls appear against him he shall be declared to be elected; but if three or more appear, he shall be declared rejected; or if the committee report unanimously against the applicant, or if he has failed to pass the medical examination, he shall be declared to be rejected without ballot.

(6) In case of emergency, at the request of the Court, a Dispensation may be granted to ballot and initiate on the night of proposal.

(7) In case of rejection, the sum of *two* dollars, being part of the initiation fee, shall be refunded. If elected, and he fails to present himself for initiation within *thirty days*, but presents himself within *forty-five days*, he may be initiated, upon the Court Physician certifying that he is in as good health as when he examined him. If he fails to secure such certificate, or fails to present himself for initiation within the *forty-five days*, he must again be re-examined; and if he fails to present himself for initiation within *three months* he shall forfeit all the fees he has paid, and he must again be proposed in the usual way, re-examined, and pay the fee of *two* dollars.

(8) Every candidate, on the night of his initiation, shall pay the balance of his initiation fee, and the enrolment fee provided for in Section *one hundred and seventy-seven*, and sign the Constitution and By-laws, and be furnished with a copy of the same, also, as soon thereafter as possible, with a certificate of membership and the endowment certificate.

CANDIDATES TO PAY MEDICAL EXAMINATION.

139. A candidate must pay for his own medical examination by the Court Physician, which shall in no case be refunded, whether the candidate is accepted or rejected by the Medical Board or by the Court.

JOINING BY CARD.

140. (1) Any brother desiring to join the Court by card shall present his withdrawal card, and a fee of *fifty* cents, at any regular meeting of the Court, when it shall be referred forthwith to a committee of three, to report at the next meeting, when, if a majority of the members present ballot in favor of the applicant, he shall be declared elected, and duly enrolled.

(2) If a brother, who has not yet received his withdrawal card, makes application for affiliation with a Court, by unanimous consent the application may be referred forthwith in the same manner as if the Court was in possession of the card, as laid down above; *provided, however*, that such applicant shall not be enrolled as a member of the Court until he deposits the necessary fee of *fifty* cents, together with his withdrawal card.

RECONSIDERATION OF AN UNFAVORABLE BALLOT.

141. By unanimous consent, an unfavorable ballot on the application for initiation, affiliation or reinstatement, may be reconsidered, provided it is done the same night. An unfavorable ballot cannot be reconsidered more than once, except by special Dispensation from the Supreme Chief Ranger.

CANDIDATES MAY BE INITIATED IN ANOTHER COURT.

142. A candidate who has conformed to the requirements of the Order, and who has been legally elected to membership in a Court, in the event of his inability to be present at the regular meetings of his said Court, and be initiated therein, may have the degree conferred on him by another Subordinate Court by request of and for the Court

in which he was proposed and elected; provided, however, that all his fees, dues and assessments be paid into the Court receiving his petition.

MISTAKE OR FRAUD IN APPLICATION.

143. (1) If it shall appear that a beneficiary member has made a mistake in giving his age at the time of his admission, he shall make a written statement of the facts in his case to the Court.

(2) The Court, if satisfied that no fraud was intended, may recommend under its seal that the age upon the Register and the assessment of the member be corrected.

(3) The written statement of the member and a statement of the action of the Court relating to the case shall be transmitted under seal of the Court to the Supreme Chief Ranger, and if approved by him, he shall transmit it to the Supreme Secretary, who shall make the correction in accordance with the facts.

(4) If the member reported his age at admission younger than he really was, he shall pay to the Financial Secretary of his Court the difference between what he has paid and the amount due for his correct age on all assessments accrued subsequently to his admission. Said sums must be immediately forwarded to the Supreme Secretary as additional on said assessments.

(5) If he reported his age older than he was at the time of his admission, he shall not be entitled to have anything refunded to him from the Endowment Fund for the overpayment, but shall be assessed at his correct age from and after the date of the receipt, by the Subordinate Court, of his notice of error.

REJECTIONS.

144. When a candidate has been rejected, notice thereof shall be sent without delay to all the adjacent Courts, and he cannot be proposed again in any Court for the space of *six months* after such rejection, except by Dispensation of the Supreme or High Chief Ranger. This Section shall

not apply to an applicant for admission by card or by reinstatement who may be proposed again at any regular meeting after rejection.

WITHDRAWAL OF PROPOSITIONS.

145. A proposition for membership may be withdrawn previous to the report of the Committee to whom it has been referred, but it cannot, after the Committee has once reported thereon, except by unanimous consent.

ENROLMENT OF MEMBERS.

146. Every member, on initiation, shall be entered on the rolls of his Court according to the date of his admission into the Court, with his age, occupation and place of abode, amount of endowment allowed by the Medical Board, to whom designated, and rate of assessment; and should any member change his occupation or place of residence, he shall at once give the Recording Secretary of his Court notice in writing of such change.

THE FUNDS AND PROPERTY OF COURTS.

147. The funds and property of a Court cannot be divided in any manner among the members individually or between a Court and any other that may branch from it, without the assent of two-thirds of the members in good standing in the Court, and the approval of the Executive Council or of the High Standing Committee of the jurisdiction, which approval must be attested by the Supreme Secretary under seal, or by the High Secretary under seal. Whenever a brother ceases to be a member of a Court, by reason of his death, expulsion, suspension or withdrawal, his right, title and interest in and to the property or funds of the Court, or any part thereof, thereby becomes extinguished.

PAYMENT OUT OF FUNDS.

148. No payment out of the funds of the Court shall be made without a vote of the Court, and an Order, signed by the Chief Ranger and Secretary with the seal of the

Court, is presented, except for the enrolment fees and sick and funeral benefit and endowment assessments, which shall be immediately paid by the Treasurer on completion of the required returns, or for the weekly sick benefits, which shall be paid on the certificate of the Court Physician; but in all such cases the Treasurer shall report such payments to the Court at its next meeting, whereupon the Chief Ranger and Recording Secretary shall issue the necessary orders to cover such payments.

TERMS AND RETURNS.

149. Regular semi-annual terms shall commence on the first days of the months of July and January in each year.

150. It shall be the duty of the Officers of the Court to prepare and have transmitted to the Supreme Secretary, immediately after the last regular meeting in each term, a regular report of the work of the term, including the names of those initiated, rejected, admitted by card, reinstated, withdrawn, suspended and expelled, with the cause therefor; the names of those deceased; the whole number of membership; the names of the Past Chief Rangers, and their Post Office address; the number of brothers and widows relieved; the number of brothers buried, with the amount of money applied to each of those purposes; the amount paid for expenses; the amount of receipts; and the result of the election of Officers, and the names and residences of the Officers-elect.

SICK AND FUNERAL BENEFITS.

151. (1) Every Court must form and support a Sick and Funeral Benefit Fund, except as hereinafter provided, to which every member must contribute his due proportion.

(2) Each Court shall fix the amount of its own Court benefits, provided the weekly sick benefits are not less than *three* dollars per week and medical attendance, and the funeral benefit not less than *thirty* dollars.

(3) It shall also determine the rates of monthly dues and rates for sick and funeral assessments, which shall be such as

to adequately support the Sick and Funeral Benefit Fund, besides providing for the current running expenses of the Court.

152. A Court may, by a majority vote of the members, dispense with the Sick and Funeral Benefits, except medical attendance, and the care of the Sick Committee or of nurses.

153. Any member of a Court, which has resolved as above (after having given notice of such motion at the previous regular meeting, or at any time by unanimous consent of all the members of the Court present) to dispense with the weekly Sick and Funeral Benefits, may be enrolled for the Supreme Court Sick and Funeral Benefits.

SICK MEMBERS' DEPORTMENT.

154. Any member taken ill must give notice in writing to the Court within the first week of his illness, and if any member fails to give such notice, then in that case the sick benefit shall date from the time at which the Court shall be so notified of such illness. Once on the funds of the Court, no member shall declare himself off of the funds without the consent of the Court Physician; and if he should act in any manner to retard his recovery, he shall forfeit his sick benefits for the balance of the time of such illness, and may further be dealt with as the Court may determine.

DUES OF SICK MEMBERS.

155. No member, while on the funds, shall be allowed to become in arrears, so as to be debarred from the benefits; but the Treasurer shall deduct from the amount due for weekly benefits a sum sufficient to keep the brother clear on the books of the Financial Secretary, and place the same to the brother's credit in the books of the Court.

BENEFITS ON DEATH OF A WIFE.

156. A Court may, by additional By-laws, provide for the payment of a funeral benefit of a sum not exceeding *twenty-five* dollars on the death of the wife or child of a member in good standing.

SPECIAL RELIEF.

157. Special relief may be granted from the funds of a Court, by a two-thirds vote of the members present, to any indigent or distressed brother in good standing, provided such sum shall in no case exceed *ten* dollars.

WITHDRAWAL CARD.

158. Any member may at any time demand his withdrawal card from the Court, and upon payment of *fifty* cents therefor he shall receive the same at once, if clear of all charges upon the books, and thereupon his membership in that Court shall terminate.

159. A travelling card shall not be granted for a longer period than *one year*, nor less than *three months;* and before a brother is entitled to receive the same he must pay his dues in advance for the time specified, and the sum o *fifty* cents for a card.

CONSOLIDATION OF COURTS.

160. (1) Any two or more Subordinate Courts, desiring to do so, may consolidate, when in their opinion it may be to the interest of the Order for such Courts to do so.

(2) Such consolidation shall be effected by each Court appointing a committee of three to arrange the terms therefor. The joint committee, if favorable to consolidation, shall recommend the adoption of the name and number of one of said Courts, and report the same to their respective Courts.

(3) If two or more Courts desiring to consolidate agree to the terms proposed, and adopt the recommendations of the joint committee, the same shall be reported to the Supreme Chief Ranger, and if approved by him, he shall appoint a time and place for the consolidation to take place.

(4) The Courts shall meet in convention at the place and time appointed, and shall surrender to the Instituting Officer

their respective Charters or Dispensations, Rituals and Seals, and all of their funds, books and property, taking his receipt therefor.

(5) The Instituting Officer shall then proceed to institute the consolidated Court in the same form and manner as a new Court (except the initiatory ceremonies), under the name and number agreed upon; he shall retain for transmission to the Supreme Secretary the Charters, Dispensations, Rituals and Seals of the consolidated Courts, except those of the Court under which they are to work, which, together with the funds, books or other property of the consolidated Courts received by him, shall be delivered to the new Court, and the new Court shall be liable for all the debts of the Courts so consolidated.

SICK AND FUNERAL BENEFITS

OF THE

SUPREME COURT.

161. (1) Every qualified member desiring to become enrolled for the Supreme Court Sick and Funeral Benefits, which are at the rate of *five* dollars per week during twelve weeks of any one illness, and *fifty* dollars on death towards funeral expenses, must present the certificate of a duly approved medical examination from the Medical Board of the Order;

(2) And such examination must have been passed within *thirty days* from date of application for enrolment;

(3) And shall pay the enrolment fees and monthly rates of assessment provided for in Section *one hundred and sixty-two;*

(4) Whereupon he shall be forthwith entitled to benefits, if taken ill or disabled.

162.

Age.	Enrolment Fee.	Monthly rate of Assessment.	Age.	Enrolment Fee.	Monthly rate of Assessment.
18	$ 60	$ 30	37	$ 82	$ 41
19	61	31	38	84	42
20	62	31	39	86	43
21	63	32	40	88	44
22	64	32	41	90	45
23	65	33	42	92	46
24	66	33	43	95	48
25	67	34	44	98	50
26	68	34	45	1 02	52
27	69	35	46	1 07	54
28	70	35	47	1 14	58
29	71	36	48	1 22	62
30	72	36	49	1 35	68
31	73	37	50	1 45	75
32	74	37	51	1 55	80
33	75	38	52	1 65	85
34	76	38	53	1 75	90
35	78	39	54	1 85	95
36	80	40			

BENEFITS IN SICKNESS.

163. (1) Any member who is entitled to the Supreme Court Sick Benefit, and who, from illness or injury, is incapable of following his usual employment (notwithstanding he may continue to carry on, or conduct, the business by his wife, servant, or children), provided such illness has not been brought on by his own intemperance or immorality, shall be entitled to sick benefits at the rate of *five* dollars per week, during *twelve weeks* of any one illness or injury, which shall be paid to him weekly during his incapacity, if in good standing, when taken ill or disabled.

(2) No member shall receive any sick benefit except attendance of physician and the care of the Sick Committee and members of his own Court, or of nurses, until he shall have been one full week ill or disabled; but when he shall have been ill one full week he shall then be entitled to benefits for the whole time of illness, including the first week. After the first week he shall be paid for each week, or part of a week, he is on the funds. A week shall consist of *seven days.*

(3) Whenever a member who is entitled to the sick benefit of the Supreme Court shall be incapacitated or disabled through illness or injury, he shall send a written notice to his Subordinate Court, and a like notice to the Supreme Secretary, giving the date of first illness or injury, and the nature thereof.

(4) Any member failing to give notice, as provided in the next preceding Sub-section, shall not be entitled to any benefit except rom the date at which he does give such notice to his Court and to the Supreme Secretary.

CLAIMS MUST BE FILED WITHIN THIRTY DAYS.

164. Any member failing to file the proper claim for benefits for any illness or disability within *thirty days* from the time he is discharged from the funds, shall *ipso facto* forfeit all claims upon the funds for any benefits which he would otherwise have had in respect of such illness or disability.

FUNERAL BENEFITS.

165. (1) On the death of a brother who was at death a contributing member to the Supreme Court Sick and Funeral Fund, and was in "good standing" at the time of his death, his widow or heirs shall receive the sum of *fifty* dollars toward defraying his funeral expenses.

(2) A Subordinate Court may advance the funeral benefit, in which case the Supreme Court shall not pay to the widow or heirs the *fifty* dollars, but shall pay the same over to the Court, as a repayment of its advances to such widow or heirs.

166. Members who are enrolled for the Supreme Court Sick and Funeral Benefits shall be entitled to the same

medical attendance, and the care and attendance of the Sick Committee and of nurses, as all the other members of the Court.

167. In any case not provided for by the foregoing Laws, the Laws, Rules and Regulations for the government of the Sick and Funeral Funds and Benefits of Subordinate Courts shall, in so far as they apply, be the Laws, Rules and Regulations for the government of the Sick and Funeral Fund and Benefits of the Supreme Court.

ENDOWMENT LAW.

THE ENDOWMENT BENEFIT.

168. The endowment benefit payable on the death of a beneficiary member who was in good standing at the date of his death, or upon the completion of his Expectation of Life, as provided in these Laws, shall be *one thousand* dollars, *two thousand* dollars, or *three thousand* dollars, according to the sum for which he shall be enrolled at the time of his death, or at the date of his completing his Expectation of Life.

CLASSES OF BENEFICIARY MEMBERS.

169. The beneficiary members shall be divided into three classes, viz. :

(1) The Ordinary Class.

(2) The Extra Hazardous Class.

(3) The Endowment Class.

THE ORDINARY CLASS.

170. The Ordinary Class shall be composed of those beneficiary members who are neither in the Extra Hazardous Class nor in the Endowment Class.

EXTRA HAZARDOUS CLASS.

171. Every member who is engaged in or follows any of the undermentioned occupations or callings, viz. : blasting, mining and submarine operations, manufacturing or

dealing in explosives, seafaring occupations, navigating lakes and rivers, and engineers, firemen, brakemen, and conductors of railway trains, and mail clerks, expressmen, baggagemen and other employes on railway trains, car-checkers, switchmen, shunters, and who are not scheduled as specially dangerous, shall be deemed to be in the Extra Hazardous Class, and rated according to the schedule of rates provided for in Section *one hundred and seventy-nine.*

ENDOWMENT CLASS.

172 (1) Each member of the Order in good standing upon the 1st day of September, 1884, at his own option, may be enrolled in the Endowment Class on or before the 1st day of October, 1884, by his paying a special enrolment fee equivalent to one assessment, according to his present rating.

(2) Thereafter he shall pay semi-annually, before each first day of January and before each first day of July in each year, one extra assessment equivalent to one assessment, according to his present rating.

(3) Candidates, on initiation, may be immediately enrolled in the Endowment Class, by paying a special enrolment fee equivalent to one assessment, according to their age and amount of endowment taken, and according to the schedule of rates provided in Sections *one hundred and seventy-eight* and *one hundred and seventy-nine.*

(4) Thereafter they shall pay semi-annually, before each first day of January and before each first day of July in each year, one extra assessment equivalent to their monthly rates of assessment for the time being.

173. (1) Members other than those embraced in Section *one hundred and seventy-two* may be enrolled or reinstated in the Endowment Class by paying a special enrolment fee equivalent to one assessment, according to the schedule of rates provided for in the Endowment Law, for their actual age, and according as they are in the Ordi-

nary Class, or in the Extra Hazardous Class, at the time of such enrolment or reinstatement.

(2) Thereafter they shall pay semi-annually, before each first day of January and before each first day of July in each year, one extra assessment equivalent to their special enrolment fee.

FORFEITING STATUS.

174. (1) Any member who is enrolled in the Endowment Class failing at any time to pay the required extra assessments shall forfeit his standing in the Endowment Class, and shall revert back to the Ordinary Class or to the Extra Hazardous Class, according to the occupation which he may be following at the time he so forfeits his standing.

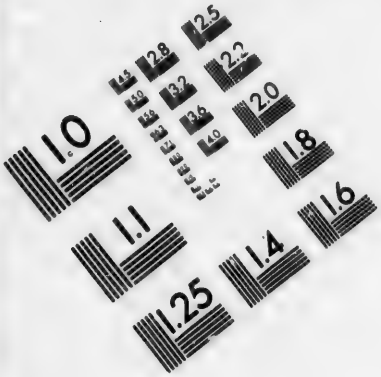
(2) Any member who has thus forfeited his standing in the Endowment Class may be reinstated in such class by his again paying the special enrolment fee and two extra assessments for each extra assessment he may be in arrears at the time of reinstatement.

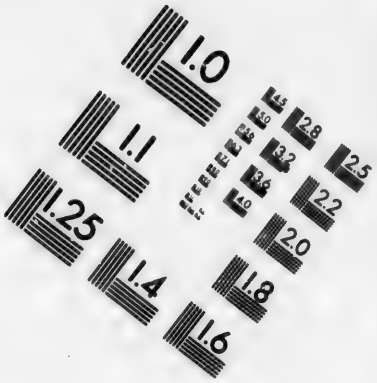
(3) Or he may be reinstated in the Endowment Class at any time by paying the special enrolment fee according to his then actual age, and thereafter paying the rates for such age.

(4) If he is over *sixty years* of age, the Executive Council shall determine the amount of the enrolment fee to be paid by him, and the rates of extra assessments he shall pay for the Endowment Class.

BENEFITS PAYABLE WITHIN THIRTY DAYS.

175. (1) Members in the Endowment Class shall have their endowments paid in full to themselves within *thirty days* after completing their Expectation of Life, according to the following table:





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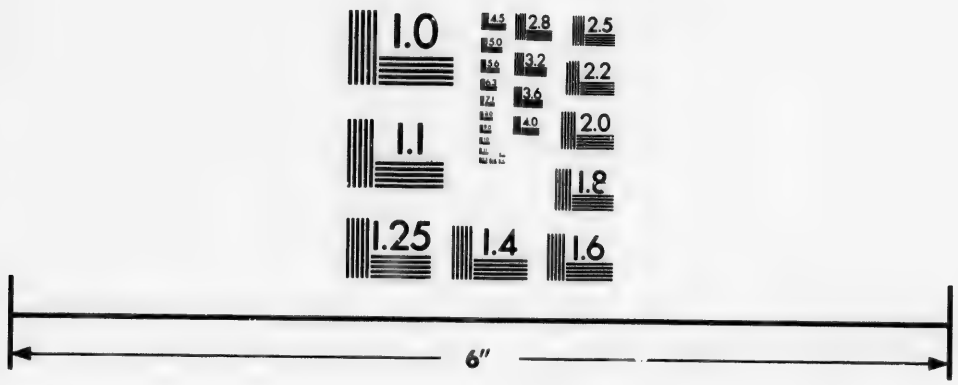

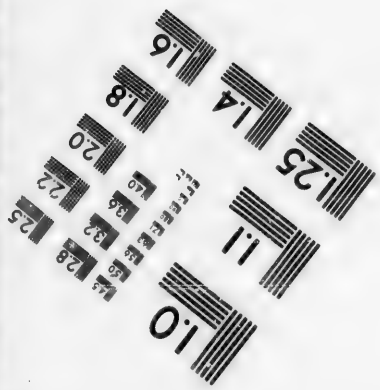

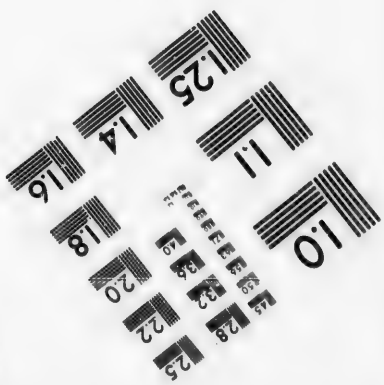

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Age at Initiation.	Expectati'n of Life.	Full Endowment payable at the age of	Age at Initiation.	Expectati'n of Life.	Full Endowment payable at the age of
Years.	Years.	Years.	Years.	Years.	Years.
18	45	63	40	29	69
19	44	63	41	28	69
20	43	63	42	27	69
21	42	63	43	26	69
22	41	63	44	36	70
23	41	64	45	25	70
24	40	64	46	24	70
25	39	64	47	24	71
26	39	65	48	23	71
27	38	65	49	22	71
28	37	65	50	21	71
29	36	65	51	20	72
30	36	66	52	20	72
31	35	66	53	19	72
32	35	67	54	19	73
33	34	67	55	18	73
34	33	67	56	17	73
35	32	67	57	17	74
36	31	68	58	16	74
37	31	68	59	15	74
38	30	68	60	15	75
39	29	68			

(2) Within thirty days from the date of the filing with the Supreme Secretary of the required "proof of claim" proving the death of a beneficiary member, who was in good standing at the date of his death (together with the necessary papers of the Probate Court, if the beneficiary was a minor), the endowment hereinafter provided shall be paid to the beneficiary or beneficiaries or personal representatives of the deceased brother who shall have been designated by the deceased brother in his Endowment Certificate.

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CLAIMS MAY LAPSE.

176. (1) If the required "proof of claim" is not filed within *twelve calendar months* from the date of the death of the brother, then in such case all claims whatsoever which the beneficiary or beneficiaries or personal representatives might have had against the Supreme Court, in respect of such death, shall lapse and become absolutely null and void.

(2) On the payment of the full endowment to a member in the Endowment Class, all claims or interest of such member, or of the widow, orphans or beneficiaries, heirs, executors, administrators or assigns of such member, to the Endowment Fund of the Order shall thereby cease, and become absolutely null and void.

ENROLMENT FEE.

177. Every beneficiary member, upon being enrolled as such, shall pay to the Financial Secretary of his Subordinate Court an Enrolment Fee equivalent to one assessment according to the schedule of rates provided for in Section *one hundred and seventy-eight* or Section *one hundred and seventy-nine* of these Laws, according as he is enrolled in the "Ordinary Class" or in the "Extra Hazardous Class."

SCHEDULE OF MONTHLY RATES FOR THE ORDINARY CLASS.

178. The monthly rates of assessments which every beneficiary member in the "Ordinary Class" shall pay, according to his age at the date of his enrolment, shall be as follows:

AGE.	**$1,000**	**$2,000**	**$3,000**
18	$0 60	$1 20	$1 80
19	61	1 22	1 83
20	62	1 24	1 86
21	63	1 26	1 89
22	64	1 28	1 92
23	65	1 30	1 95

Age.	$1,000	$2,000	$3,000
24	$0 66	$1 32	$1 98
25	67	1 34	2 01
26	68	1 36	2 04
27	69	1 38	2 07
28	70	1 40	2 10
29	71	1 42	2 13
30	72	1 44	2 16
31	73	1 46	2 19
32	74	1 48	2 22
33	75	1 50	2 25
34	76	1 52	2 28
35	78	1 56	2 34
36	80	1 60	2 40
37	82	1 64	2 46
38	84	1 68	2 52
39	86	1 72	2 58
40	88	1 76	2 64
41	90	1 80	2 70
42	92	1 84	2 76
43	95	1 90	2 85
44	98	1 96	2 94
45	1 02	2 04	3 06
46	1 07	2 14	3 21
47	1 14	2 28	3 42
48	1 22	2 44	3 66
49	1 35	2 70	4 05
50	1 45	2 90	4 35
51	1 55	3 10	4 65
52	1 65	3 30	4 95
53	1 75	3 50	5 25
54	1 85	3 70	5 55

and shall pay the same rate of assessments thereafter so long as he remains continuously in good standing in the Order and in the same Class.

SCHEDULE OF MONTHLY RATES FOR THE EXTRA HAZARDOUS CLASS.

179. The monthly rates of assessments which every beneficiary member in the Extra Hazardous Class shall pay,

according to his age at the date of admission, shall be as follows, viz. :

AGE.	$1000	$2000	$3000
18	$0 70	$1 40	$2 10
19	71	1 42	2 13
20	72	1 44	2 16
21	73	1 46	2 19
22	74	1 48	2 22
23	75	1 50	2 25
24	76	1 52	2 28
25	77	1 54	2 31
26	78	1 56	2 34
27	79	1 58	2 37
28	80	1 60	2 40
29	82	1 64	2 46
30	84	1 68	2 52
31	86	1 72	2 58
32	88	1 76	2 64
33	90	1 80	2 70
34	92	1 84	2 76
35	94	1 88	2 82
36	96	1 92	2 88
37	98	1 96	2 94
38	1 00	2 00	3 00
39	1 02	2 04	3 06
40	1 04	2 08	3 12
41	1 07	2 14	3 21
42	1 10	2 20	3 30
43	1 13	2 26	3 39
44	1 16	2 32	3 48
45	1 20	2 40	3 60
46	1 25	2 50	3 75
47	1 30	2 60	3 90
48	1 40	2 80	4 20
49	1 55	3 10	4 65
50	1 75	3 50	5 25
51	2 00	4 00	6 00
52	2 30	4 60	6 90
53	2 60	5 20	7 80
54	3 00	6 00	9 00

And shall pay the same rate of assessments thereafter so long as he remains continuously in good standing, and is in the Extra Hazardous Class.

AGES.

180. A member shall be deemed to be *eighteen years* of age till his *nineteenth* birthday, and *nineteen years* of age till his *twentieth* birthday, and so on for each year in the schedule.

CHANGE OF OCCUPATION.

181. (1) Any member changing his occupation to any one of the occupations classed as Extra Hazardous must forthwith give notice to the Supreme Secretary of such change, whereupon the Supreme Secretary shall increase his rating from the Ordinary Class to the corresponding rates in the Extra Hazardous Class.

(2) Any member changing his occupation to one of the occupations classed as Extra Hazardous, and failing to give notice of such change to the Supreme Secretary, shall thereby forfeit all his rights and claims to any benefit or other funds of any and all of the Courts of the Order, such forfeiture to continue till he does give due notice to the Supreme Secretary of such change of occupation ; and in the event of his death, during the continuance of such forfeiture, his beneficiary or beneficiaries, or personal representative or representatives, shall not be entitled to the endowment or any other benefit of the Order, notwithstanding he may have continued regularly to pay the rates provided for the Ordinary Class.

(3) Any member in the Extra Hazardous Class changing his occupation to one not classed as Extra Hazardous, shall be entitled to have his rates of assessments decreased to a corresponding rate in the Ordinary Class. Such decrease of rating shall begin from the date at which the notice of such change of occupation shall be received by the Supreme Secretary.

MEMBERS ENTERING FOREIGN MILITARY SERVICE.

182. Any beneficiary member entering the military service of a Foreign Power shall *ipso facto* forfeit his Endowment Certificate and all other benefits of the Order, unless he shall have, previously to entering such military service, obtained the permit of the Executive Council, under the seal of the Supreme Court.

MONTHLY ASSESSMENT.

183. (1) At or before the close of each and every month, each beneficiary member of the Court shall pay into the hands of the Financial Secretary, to be placed to the credit of his endowment account for the next ensuing monthly assessment, a sum sufficient to leave a balance at the beginning of the next ensuing month of that account in his favor, of at least one full assessment for every *thousand* dollars of endowment held by him, according to the schedule of rates provided for in Sections *one hundred and seventy-eight* or *one hundred and seventy-nine.*

(2) In case a Subordinate Court is indebted to a brother, and such brother fails to pay his assessments as above provided, then in that case the Court shall pay such assessment till it has paid out in this way the whole of its indebtedness to such brother.

PENALTY FOR NONPAYMENT.

184. And in case a beneficiary member has not to his credit in the Court Treasury the full amount of one assessment for each *one thousand* dollars of endowment held by him on the first day of each and every month, he shall stand suspended, and he shall not be entitled to any benefits from the Court or Order during the time of such suspension, and until he has been duly and legally reinstated; provided, that if the Subordinate Court is indebted to a brother on any account he shall not stand suspended until the Court has paid out for such brother's dues, taxes and assessments, the whole of such indebtedness.

MONTHLY REMITTANCE.

185. (1) On the first day of each and every month the Financial Secretary shall receive from the Treasurer, and shall immediately transmit the same, by draft or Post Office money order, to the Supreme Secretary, a sum sufficient to cover the following items:

(*a*) The amount of one assessment, for the Endowment Fund, for each member of the Court then in good standing;

(*b*) And the amount of all arrearages due on each reinstated member;

(*c*) And the amount of *one* dollar for certificate and policy for each member initiated since last report;

(*d*) The amount of one enrolment fee for each member initiated since last report;

(*e*) The amount of the special enrolment fees paid by members in the Endowment Class since last report;

(*f*) And in January and July of each year the amount of one extra assessment for each member of the Endowment Class;

(*g*) And the amount due for enrolment and monthly assessments from those reported in the Sick and Funeral Benefit Fund of the Supreme Court.

(2) All drafts shall be made payable to the order of the Supreme Treasurer and the Manager of the Bank in which the deposits of the Supreme Court are made for the time being, and all Post Office money orders shall be made payable to the order of the Manager of such Bank.

(3) Upon the receipt of such remittance, the Supreme Secretary shall forthwith send a proper receipt to the Court Deputy High Chief Ranger of the Court.

MONTHLY REPORTS.

186. (1) On the first day of each month, the Financial Secretary shall make out the monthly report, in duplicate, upon Form number *three*, giving name and age of each member in good standing in the Court on the first day of the then current month; names and ages of all who have been

admitted to membership or reinstated since last report; names and ages of those who have died, been suspended, expelled, or who have withdrawn from the Order since last report; names of all those who are taking the Supreme Court Sick and Funeral Benefits, which report shall be verified and attested by the Chief Ranger and Recording Secretary under the seal of the Court.

(2) He shall transmit one copy of such report with the monthly remittance provided for in Section *one hundred and eighty-five* above.

(3) Upon the first meeting night of each month the Financial Secretary shall lay before the Court the duplicate of his monthly report, and after being verified and approved by the Court, it shall be placed on file with the Recording Secretary.

(4) Should such report be found to be defective or erroneous it shall be corrected, and the Recording Secretary shall at once notify the Supreme Secretary of such defect or error.

PENALTY FOR COURTS FAILING TO REMIT.

187. Any Court not forwarding, at the beginning of each month, the amounts laid down in Section *one hundred and eighty-five* above, and continuing in such default to the end of the month, shall stand suspended on the first day of the next succeeding month.

REINSTATEMENT OF COURTS.

188. Any Court so suspended may reinstate itself any time within *thirty days* from the date of suspension, by the payment of the amount for which the Court became suspended, and by each member sought to be reinstated presenting an application upon Form number *seven*, and passing the Medical Examination of the Order, if required by the Executive Council or by the Supreme Chief Ranger; but if after *thirty days*, then each member must pass the Medical Examination of the Order at the expense of the Court, and must also be approved by the Executive Council.

NOTICE OF DEATH TO BE SENT.

189. Immediately upon the death of a brother in good standing, due notice thereof must be sent to the Supreme Secretary on Form number *nine*.

190. Upon the receipt of said notice, the same shall be laid before the Supreme Chief Ranger, and if everything be satisfactory, a cheque or draft for the payment of the amount to which the heirs or beneficiaries are entitled shall be drawn, which cheque or draft shall be signed by the Supreme Chief Ranger and Supreme Secretary and Supreme Treasurer, and be made payable to the person or persons designated by the brother to receive it, or to his personal representatives.

191. Such cheque or draft shall be sent to any member of the Executive Council living in the immediate locality, or to the Court Deputy High Chief Ranger of the Court of which the deceased was a member, or to the Court Deputy High Chief Ranger living nearest to the beneficiary or beneficiaries, and be delivered by him in the presence of the Chief Ranger, or Recording Secretary, or Financial Secretary, to the beneficiary or beneficiaries, on their surrendering the benefit certificate of the deceased; provided, however, if satisfactory proof is given of the loss or destruction of the benefit certificate, the cheque or draft may be delivered on the execution of a proper release of all claims against the Order.

192. If there is any doubt as to the validity of a claim, the Supreme Chief Ranger shall lay the same before the Executive Council for their decision upon the matter.

ENDOWMENT CERTIFICATE.

193. Every person, at the time of applying for admission, shall state in the application what amount of endowment he desires to take, and a certificate for the sum chosen shall be issued to him, unless the sum so chosen shall have been reduced by the Medical Board, in which case the certificate shall only be for the sum granted by the Medical Board.

194. He shall not be privileged thereafter to change the same, except as provided in the Constitution and Laws, and upon due notice to his Court, and paying a fee of *fifty* cents, which shall be forwarded with application for the change to the Supreme Secretary.

ADDITIONAL ENDOWMENTS.

195. For additional endowments after initiation he shall pay assessments according to his age; but no additional endowment shall be allowed to members who have passed their *fifty-fifth* birthday.

ENDOWMENT ASSESSMENTS A FIRST LIEN.

196. The endowment assessments shall be a first lien upon all the funds of a Court, and any Officer neglecting or delaying to forward the same to the Supreme Court shall be liable to summary expulsion by the Supreme Chief Ranger or by the Executive Council.

SPECIAL RATING.

197. All members of the Order in good standing on the 1st January, 1880, who have not since forfeited their standing, shall, in all assessments for the amount of endowments held by them on 1st January, 1880, be rated at their actual age, or as at *thirty years* of age.

SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS.

198. Whenever, by reason of an excessive mortality, there are no available funds to meet promptly the endowment claims of the beneficiaries or personal represenatives of deceased Foresters, the Executive Council shall order a special assessment, which shall be immediately paid by the Subordinate Courts, in which case the funds of the Treasuries of Subordinate Courts shall at once be replaced by the members.

199. (1) Courts failing to pay special assessments within *thirty days* from the date of the Supreme Secretary's call for the same shall stand suspended.

(2) Members failing to pay, within *twenty days* from date of the Supreme Secretary's call, the special assessments ordered by the Executive Council shall stand suspended.

REPAYMENT OF SPECIAL ASSESSMENT.

200. As soon as the endowment fund permits, after a special assessment, the extra assessments paid by members shall be refunded to them, by the Executive Council remitting their monthly assessments till the extra sums paid by the members are fully repaid.

RESERVE FUND.

201. Whenever the Reserve Fund accumulates so as to exceed the proportion of *twenty-five* dollars for each member in good standing, the Executive Council shall pay death claims out of the Reserve Fund, in which case the monthly assessments of all members of *twelve months'* standing or over shall be remitted till the excess of Reserve Fund is paid out.

ANNUITY BENEFIT.

202. Every member on reaching his *seventieth birthday* shall be entitled to have paid to him thereafter annually one-tenth of the amount of endowment on which he shall have paid assessments during the last past *fifteen consecutive years*, until the whole amount of endowment shall have been paid ; provided, that if the member dies before reaching his *eightieth birthday*, the unpaid balance of endowment shall be paid to his beneficiaries or personal representatives.

203. Members in the Endowment Class, who reach their expectation of life after their *seventieth birthday*, shall be entitled to the annuity benefit provided for in the next preceding section ; and when they reach their expectation of life they shall receive their endowments, as provided for in Section *one hundred and seventy-five*, Sub-section *one*, less any sums received by them as annuity benefits ; *provided*, that if they die between their *seventieth birthday* and their expectation of life, the unpaid balance of endowment shall be paid to their beneficiaries or personal representatives.

TOTAL AND PERMANENT DISABILITY BENEFIT.

204. (1) Every member who shall, from mental or physical causes, become totally and permanently disabled from following or directing any labor, business or profession, and which disability shall appear to the Supreme Physician to be permanent, provided such disability did not arise from

his voluntary act, or from intemperance, or any immoral or unlawful conduct on his part, or from a violation of the laws of the country, shall have his dues and assessments paid out of the General Fund of his Subordinate Court.

(2) If the disability continues thereafter for the space of *six months*, then the Supreme Chief Ranger shall appoint a Board of three reputable physicians, members of the Order if possible, neither of whom shall be the family physician of the applicant, to examine into the facts of the case, cause of injury, and permanency of the disability, and report thereon to the Supreme Physician.

(3) If the report be that it is a clear case of permanent and total disability, and it meets with the recommendation and approval of the Supreme Physician, the member shall be entitled to the Total and Permanent Disability Benefit less any sums paid for him by his Court out of its General Fund, for assessments, during his disability, which sums shall be refunded to the Court by such member.

(4) The Supreme Chief Ranger may appoint a deputy to appear before the Board in behalf of the Order.

(5) Upon the payment of a Total and Permanent Disability claim, the member receiving the same shall endorse such payment upon his endowment certificate, such endorsement to be witnessed by the Chief Ranger and Recording Secretary.

(6) And the member shall cease thereafter to pay any assessments, dues, capitation or other tax.

EPIDEMIC.

205. Whenever any pestilence or epidemic disease shall prevail, or shall be threatened in any district where a Court or Courts of this Order are established, the Supreme Chief Ranger shall immediately, upon being notified thereof, or in any manner acquiring knowledge of the same, suspend the initiation of new members into said Court or Courts during the continuance of said pestilence or epidemic. The territory to be proscribed, and the period of suspension aforesaid to be defined, by the Supreme Chief Ranger, upon the advice of the Supreme Physician.

REGISTRATION OF MEMBERSHIP.

206. (1) On receipt of the notice of the Recording Secretary of the Court, provided for in Section *two hundred and twenty-eight*, the Supreme Secretary shall enter the member's name upon the Register, together with his age, occupation, date of acceptance as a beneficiary member, rate of assessment, number of the certificate, name or names of beneficiary or beneficiaries, and, if more than one, the *pro rata* interest of each, and such other facts as may be deemed necessary.

(2) He shall number and file the application for reference in his office, and return to the Subordinate Court, provided all the assessments, fees and dues up to the then current month have been paid by the Court, an endowment certificate under seal of the Supreme Court, and made payable to such beneficiaries as the member shall have designated in his application; and the Recording Secretary of the Subordinate Court shall enter on its records the number thereof.

(3) No endowment certificate shall be forwarded to any Court which has failed to forward from month to month all the enrolment and other fees and assessments due from its members.

DESIGNATION.

207. Each beneficiary member shall enter upon his application the name or names of the members of his family or other beneficiaries to whom he desires his benefit paid, giving the Christian name in full in each case, as well as the surname of the beneficiary or beneficiaries, and the same shall be entered in the endowment certificate according to said direction, with all Christian names to be written out in full.

SURVIVING BENEFICIARIES.

208. In the event of the death of one or more of the beneficiaries selected by the beneficiary member before the decease of such member, if he shall make no other or further

disposition thereof, upon his death such benefit shall be paid in full to the surviving beneficiaries, each sharing *pro rata*, as provided in the endowment certificate.

209. In the event of the death of all the beneficiaries selected by the member before the decease of such member, if he shall make no other or further disposition thereof, the benefit shall be divided equally among his widow and children, or if there be none such, then it shall be paid to the personal representatives of the deceased member; and if no person or persons shall be entitled to receive such benefit, by the laws of the Order, it shall revert to the Endowment Fund.

CHANGING BENEFICIARY.

210. (1) A member may at any time when in good standing surrender his endowment certificate, and a new certificate shall thereafter be issued, payable to such beneficiary or beneficiaries as such member may direct, upon the payment of a certificate fee of *fifty* cents; said surrender and direction must be made in writing, signed by the member, and forwarded, under seal of the Subordinate Court, with the old endowment certificate and fee, to the Supreme Secretary.

(2) Upon furnishing satisfactory proof to the Supreme Secretary of the loss of the endowment certificate, and the payment of a fee of *fifty* cents, a duplicate thereof shall be issued to such member.

(3) Whenever a second certificate is issued, the first one shall *ipso facto* become void.

REDUCING ENDOWMENT.

211. (1) A member holding more than *one thousand* dollars of endowment who desires to reduce his endowment to a lower amount, shall give written notice to his Court at any time to change to the lower amount designated.

(2) Such member shall pay full rates on all assessments due on or before said change.

(3) He shall also surrender to his Court his endowment certificate, and pay *fifty* cents, which, with the member's

notice, shall be forwarded by the Recording Secretary to the Supreme Secretary, who shall thereupon issue to such member an endowment certificate of the lower amount designated.

INCREASING ENDOWMENT.

212. (1) A member under *fifty-five years* of age desiring to increase his endowment shall make written application to his Court.

(2) If the Court agrees to such application, it shall be endorsed thereon, and attested with the signatures of the Chief Ranger and Recording Secretary and the Seal of the Court, and forwarded to the Supreme Secretary, who shall lay the same before the Supreme Chief Ranger.

(3) If the application is made within *thirty days* of the last medical examination, unless a fresh medical examination is required by the Supreme Chief Ranger or by the Executive Council, the applicant shall simply sign the declaration of health contained in Form number *seven*.

(4) If the application is made more than *thirty days* after the last medical examination, or if required by the Supreme Chief Ranger or Executive Council, then the applicant must again pass the medical examination, the same as initiates.

(5) Upon complying with the foregoing provisions to the satisfaction of the Supreme Chief Ranger or of the Executive Council, the Supreme Secretary shall notify the applicant to forward his old endowment certificate, together with a fee of *fifty* cents and the amount of one assessment required by the change.

(6) Upon the receipt of the above by the Supreme Secretary, he shall duly enter the changes in the Register, and forthwith forward to the brother a new endowment certificate for the increased amount of endowment.

FORM OF ENDOWMENT CERTIFICATE.

213. Each endowment certificate shall be in the form prescribed by the Supreme Court, shall bear the signature of the Supreme Chief Ranger and Supreme Secretary (or a *facsimile* thereof), and an impression of the seal of the Supreme Court. Before delivery to the member, it shall be signed by

the Chief Ranger of the member's Court and countersigned by the Recording Secretary, and the seal of the Court attached.

214. Any Court failing to comply with any provision of the Constitution or Laws of the Order may be suspended by the Supreme Chief Ranger, after notice of such failure or neglect shall have been given to the Court, and to the High Court in whose jurisdiction such Court is situated, by the Supreme Secretary under seal; and any Officer or member failing or refusing to comply with any provisions of the Constitution and Laws shall in consequence cease to be a member of the Order, if so ordered in writing by the Supreme Chief Ranger.

38TH PARALLEL.

215. No beneficiary member shall reside in North America south of the thirty-eighth parallel of Latitude, for a longer period than *thirty days*, without special permit from the Supreme Chief Ranger, countersigned by the Supreme Secretary, and the seal of the Supreme Court attached, and paying such additional rates of assessments as may be determined on by the Executive Council, except in such localities where Courts have been organized under the provisions of Section *two hundred and twenty-three*, Sub-section *two*.

CLAIMS NOT TO BE ASSIGNED AS COLLATERALS.

216. No benefit claims or endowment certificate shall be assigned to others as collateral security for debt, nor shall the beneficiary or beneficiaries be changed, except in the manner provided for in the Constitution and Laws.

FELO DE SE.

217. (1) Any member of the Order who commits suicide, unless it shall be clearly established that he was for some time before and at the time insane, shall thereby forfeit all his claims on the Endowment Fund of the Order, and the beneficiary, beneficiaries, or per-

sonal representative or representatives shall not be entitled to receive the endowment or other benefits of the Order.

(2) But the Executive Council shall pay back to the heirs or assigns all sums paid into the endowment fund by the *felo de se*.

(3) They may also, at their discretion, donate a sum not exceeding one-half of the amount of endowment held by the deceased to the beneficiaries of the deceased, as may have been designated by the deceased in his benefit certificate.

FOR MANAGEMENT EXPENSES.

218. An amount not exceeding the enrolment fee in the Ordinary Class and the special enrolment fee in the Endowment Class, and five per cent. of the gross receipts of the various benefit funds, may be taken by the Supreme Court to pay management expenses.

PROOF OF CLAIM
—FOR—
ENDOWMENT BENEFIT.

219. (1) Upon the death of a member in good standing in the Court, the Chief Ranger, or, in his absence, the next Junior Officer available, shall call a meeting of the Court, at which the following "Proof of Claim" shall be presented for investigation and examination by the Court, to wit:

Form No. 9.

(A) CERTIFICATE OF DEATH.

Chambers of Court No. 188

To the Executive Council of the Supreme Court, Independent Order of Foresters:

This certifies that at a meeting of our Court No. duly held on this day of 188 , the following facts were established to the satisfaction of the Court, to wit:

1. That our late Brother (*give name in full*) was admitted to this Court by on the day of 188 at years of age.

2. That the said Brother died of in the Province of on the day of 188 at the age of years.

3. That at the date of his being taken with his last illness, he was a member in good standing in our said Court No. , and that he continued so to be in good standing till the day of his death.

4. And that at the time of his death, he, the said Brother was in fact in good standing in our said Court No.

We, the Chief Ranger and Recording Secretary of Court No. I.O.F., do hereby certify that the above facts were submitted and read in open Court, and proved satisfactory to the Court, and that we believe them to be correct and true in every particular.

As witness our hands hereto, and the seal of our said Court.

{ Court Seal. } .....,Chief Ranger.

.....Recording Secretary.

(B) MEDICAL CERTIFICATE.

1. I, M.D., certify that of Province of and late a member of Court No. of the Independent Order of Foresters, located in Province of was ill of for a period of

2. That I attended him professionally in his last illness, and that he died of on the day of 188 , at Province of

In witness whereof I have hereto attached my signature this day of 188

.....M.D.

AFFIDAVIT OF FINANCIAL SECRETARY.

County of
Province of
To Wit :
} I, (*name in full*) of the of in the County of Province of make oath and say :

1. That I am the Financial Secretary of Court No. Independent Order of Foresters, located at Province of

2. That I personally knew our late Brother (*give name in full*) of Province of , and that at the date of his first being taken ill of the disease of which he died, he was a member in good standing of Court No. I.O.F., and that he continued so in good standing till his death, on the said day of 188

3. That I personally know the attending physician, and that the said physician signed the Medical Certificate marked "B" in my presence.

4. That the statements contained in the Certificate of Death marked "A" were read in open Court of Court No , and duly certified to by the Chief Ranger and Recording Secretary of said Court, and that all the statements therein contained, as well as the statements contained in the Medical Certificate marked "B," are correct and true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

.....
Financial Secretary of Court No.

Taken and sworn to before me at in the County of Province of this day of in the year of our Lord 188 , and certified under my official seal.

.....

{ Notarial Seal. } a Notary Public, &c., in and for the County of Province of

(2) Any Chief Ranger or Recording Secretary who shall certify to the correctness of the above Certificate of Death marked "A," before being submitted to the Court, or shall certify the same, knowing the facts therein alleged to be untrue, *shall stand expelled* from the Order.

(3) Any Court consenting to the "Proof of Claim" being certified to, knowing the facts set forth in the Certificate of Death marked "A" to be incorrect or untrue, shall *ipso facto* forfeit its Charter.

(4) Upon the presentation of a "Proof of Claim" to a Court, the members present shall satisfy themselves that the facts as therein set forth are correct and true, by an examination of the books of the Financial Secretary and other records of the Court, and by taking, if required, other testimony; after which the Presiding Officer shall put the following question: "Shall the 'Proof of Claim' just read be certified to as correct and true?" and upon which question the *yeas* and *nays* shall be taken, and the vote duly entered upon the records of the Court, showing how each brother voted, whether *yea* or *nay*.

AMENDMENTS.

220. (1) The foregoing Constitution and Laws cannot be altered or amended except at an annual meeting of the Supreme Court, upon a proposition therefor, duly submitted in writing or in print, when, by unanimous consent, it may be immediately considered, and if it is supported by two-thirds of the votes cast, shall be declared carried, and shall immediately go into effect, unless otherwise provided for in the proposition to amend.

(2) If unanimous consent is not obtained for immediate consideration, then it must be entered upon the journals and lie over till the succeeding annual session of the Supreme Court, when it may be called up by any Officer or member, and if supported by a two-thirds vote, shall be declared adopted, and at once go into effect.

GENERAL LAWS.

BENEFICIARY MEMBERSHIP.

221. No one shall be deemed to be a beneficiary member, notwithstanding he may have been duly initiated and enrolled as a member of the Order, and a Certificate of Endowment duly made out and delivered to him, and has paid all fees, dues, taxes and assessments, until he shall have first passed the "Medical Examination of the Order," as required by the Constitution and Laws of the Supreme Court.

SPECIAL QUALIFICATIONS OF OFFICERS.

222. The Supreme Chief Ranger, Supreme Secretary, and Supreme Treasurer, in addition to other qualifications required by the Constitution, shall be of the full age of *twenty-one*, and shall be residents of the Dominion of Canada. The Court Physician must be a member of the Order in good standing, except in cases where it is impossible to secure one who is a member of the Order, in which case a physician outside of the Order may be elected upon the special Dispensation of the Supreme Chief Ranger. A Court may elect two Court Physicians.

DISPENSATIONS.

223. (1) The Supreme Chief Ranger may grant Dispensation to initiate without the usual ritualistic formalities; also to initiate at any time, at less than regular fees; also to elect, in case of absolute necessity, as Court Physician, one who is not a member of the Order.

(2) Also, with the unanimous consent of the Executive Council, the Supreme Chief Ranger may issue a special Dispensation, in each case, for the institution of a Court south

of the thirty-eighth parallel of Latitude, anywhere within the District of Columbia and the States of Maryland, Virginia, West Virginia, Kentucky, Missouri, Kansas, Colorado, Utah, Nevada and California.

(3) Provided that no Court can be instituted in any locality where an epidemic of yellow fever has ever prevailed.

REGALIA, ETC.

224. The Regalia of the Order shall consist of a badge with two clasps and ribbon, and a pendant jewel in the form of a Maltese Cross, to be worn on the right breast, also a sash, to be worn over the left shoulder.

COLORS AND SASHES.

225. (1) The colors of the Order shall be cardinal, white, royal blue, and purple.

(2) Subordinate Court Officers shall wear blue ribbon with the clasps, and cardinal sashes.

(3) Deputy High Chief Rangers shall wear scarlet ribbons with the clasps, and cardinal sashes.

(4) High Court Officers shall wear purple ribbons with the clasps, and cardinal sashes.

(5) Deputy Supreme Chief Rangers shall wear red, white and blue ribbons with the clasps, and cardinal sashes.

(6) Supreme Court Officers shall wear red, white and blue ribbons with the clasps, and blue sashes.

(7) The sashes for members of Subordinate Courts shall be scarlet ribbon or velvet from *three and a half* to *five* inches wide, with shoulder straps of blue ribbon, and gold fringes at end of sash.

(8) For Officers of Subordinate Courts, the sash shall be the same as for members, except the shoulder straps, which shall be gold.

(9) The sashes for Deputies of the High Chief Ranger and Supreme Chief Ranger shall be the same as for Officers of Subordinate Courts.

(10) The sashes for members of High Courts shall be the same as for Officers of Subordinate Courts, with the addition of a gold band of from *three quarters* to *one* inch wide around the edge of sash.

(11) For appointed Officers of High Courts, the sashes shall be the same as for members, with the addition of a Maltese Cross on the centre of the breast.

(12) The sashes for the High Standing Committee shall have, in addition to the Maltese Cross, the emblem and initials of office on the breast and blue centre in shoulder strap.

(13) For Past High Chief Ranger, the sash shall be the same as for High Chief Ranger, with the addition of a gold fringe on lower edge of sash.

(14) The sashes for members of the Supreme Court shall be blue ribbon or velvet, from *three and a half* to *five* inches wide, with gold braid from *three quarters* to *one* inch wide around the edge, and gold fringe at end of sash, and gold shoulder strap.

(15) For appointed Supreme Court Officers, the sashes shall be the same as for members, with the addition of a gold Maltese Cross on the centre of the breast.

(16) For the Executive Council, they shall be the same as for appointed Officers, with the addition of the emblems and initials of office on the centre of the breast, and red centre in shoulder straps.

(17) For Past Executive Officers, the sashes shall be the same as for the Executive Officers, with the addition of a gold fringe around the lower edge of the sash.

SEPARATE ENDOWMENT JURISDICTION.

226. (1) Whenever a High Court, located outside of the Dominion of Canada or Province of Newfoundland, having *two thousand* members or more in good standing, shall, by a two-thirds vote, at its annual session, or at any session called for the purpose, petition the Supreme Court to be set apart into a separate endowment jurisdiction, the Su-

preme Chief Ranger, as soon as such High Court has settled all claims then due to the Supreme Court, shall issue his proclamation setting apart such jurisdiction, which shall come into effect upon the first day of the month next succeeding the issuing of such proclamation.

(2) From and after the said first day of such month the Supreme Court shall not be liable for any benefits, of whatsoever kind, which may accrue after such date of separation.

(3) Members in such jurisdiction shall not be liable thereafter for any dues or assessments to the Supreme Court.

(4) The High Court of such jurisdiction shall stand in the place of the Supreme Court, and shall possess the same powers, duties and privileges in relation to all benefits, assessments and dues within its own jurisdiction, as were possessed by the Supreme Court.

(5) But the power to make or amend the Constitution or Laws, and the control of the ritual and the unwritten work, shall continue to be vested only in the Supreme Court.

MAKING A FORESTER AT SIGHT.

227. The Supreme Chief Ranger, Past Supreme Chief Ranger, and High Chief Rangers within their own jurisdictions, shall have power to make Foresters-at-large at sight, but they shall only rank as Social members till they shall have passed the medical examination of the Order, and have been duly registered by the Supreme Secretary.

NOTICE OF INITIATIONS.

228. On the initiation of a candidate, the Recording Secretary shall immediately transmit to the Supreme Secretary the name, age, occupation and Post Office address of the initiate, amount of endowment allowed by the Medical Board, the name or names *in full*, and Post Office address, of the beneficiary or beneficiaries.

PROSCRIBING HOSTILE SOCIETIES.

229. Any Society or Organization, which acts in a manner hostile to the interests of the Order, may be proscribed by the Supreme Chief Ranger, by and with the advice of the Executive Council, and from and after the date of such proscription, any member of the Order who shall join such proscribed Society or Organization shall *ipso facto* cease to be a member of the Order.

CERTIFYING AN ILLEGAL CLAIM.

230. (1) Any Officer of the Order certifying to any illegal or improper claim upon any of the Benefit Funds of the Supreme Court or of any of its branches, in addition to all other penalties prescribed in the Constitution or Laws, shall each personally become liable to the Supreme Court to double the amount paid by the Supreme Court or by any of its branches upon such improper certificate.

(2) If two or more Officers sign the certificate to an illegal or improper claim, any one of them, or all of them, may be sued for the recovery of the penalty, at the discretion of the Supreme Chief Ranger or of the Executive Council.

(3) If the penalty is recovered from any one Officer, so offending, then the right of action of the Supreme Court against any other Officer or Officers, notwithstanding they may have signed such improper certificate, shall cease and determine.

DEFERRED ELECTIONS.

231. In the event of any election not being held at the time prescribed by the Constitution and Laws, and there being no provision in the Constitution for holding thereafter such election, or filling the vacancy, then in that case such election may be held at any time upon the Dispensation of the Supreme Chief Ranger or of the High Chief Ranger of the jurisdiction.

DEFERRED MEDICAL EXAMINATIONS.

232. Any member having been admitted as a Social member, pending the passing of his medical examination,

shall be liable for all dues, taxes and assessments accruing after such admission, notwithstanding he is, in the meantime, only a Social member, unless the delay in passing the medical examination is due to the action of the Medical Board, or of some member of the Executive Council.

RE-ELECTED OFFICERS.

233. (1) If an Officer is re-elected to the same office, it shall not be necessary to re-install him.

(2) And if he is a bonded Officer it shall not be necessary for him to give new bonds, unless so required by the Supreme Chief Ranger or Executive Council, but he shall be held under his old bonds.

ROYAL FORESTERS.

ENCAMPMENTS.

234. Upon the petition of twenty or more members of the Order in good standing, the Supreme Court or the Executive Council may issue a Charter for an Encampment of Royal Foresters.

235. The Charter fee for an Encampment shall be paid by the Charter members; but they shall be entitled to a rebate from first initiation fees to the full amount paid by them for the Charter.

236. Each Encampment shall fix its own initiation fees; *provided*, that it shall not be less than *two* dollars.

237. The dues shall be fixed at such rates as to pay the current expenses of the Encampment, and no more.

238. The Convocations of the Encampments shall be held quarterly, in January, April, July and October, or oftener, as the Sir Knights may from time to time determine.

239. (1) A proposition for membership shall be submitted in writing, and shall state the name of the applicant and the Court of which he is a member.

(2) Such proposition shall be entered in the summons for the next Convocation, to be sent to every Sir Knight.

(3) At such Convocation, the ballot shall be taken, and if unanimously in favor of the candidate, he shall be declared to be elected, otherwise he shall be declared to be rejected.

(4) If elected, he may be at once initiated.

240. (1) The Executive Council of the Supreme Court shall be *ex officio* the Supreme Officers of the Encampments.

(2) The Officers of the Encampment shall be—

Illustrious Commander.
Illustrious Lieut.-Commander.
Illustrious Orator.
Illustrious Chancellor.
Illustrious Archivist.
Illustrious Marshal.
Illustrious Captain of the Guard.
Illustrious Standard Bearers.
Illustrious Sword Bearers.
Illustrious Guards.

241. The election of Officers shall take place annually, at the July Convocation.

242. The Sir Knights of the Encampment shall have the rank of Past Chief Rangers.

243. (1) The uniforms shall consist of a chapeau, sword belt, cuffs and sash,

(2) The chapeaux of the first eighteen grades of Officers in Rule 22 shall be trimmed with red, white and blue plumes, bullion tassel in front, and silk and gold lace, and a royal blue rosette with the emblem of the Order upon the side.

(3) The sword shall be gilt, and the belt shall be faced with gold and blue lace.

(4) The cuffs shall be of royal blue silk velvet, trimmed with heavy gold lace, and with the emblem of the Order.

(5) The sash shall be the regulation sash which the Bro. is entitled to wear.

244. (1) The chapeaux of Sir Knights of the 19th to the 30th grade, both inclusive, shall be trimmed with blue plumes, and with blue silk velvet rosette and emblem of the Order.

(2) The sword shall be of white metal with gilt mountings.

(3) The belt shall be blue enamelled leather, trimmed with gold braid.

(4) The cuffs shall be of blue silk velvet, trimmed with heavy gold braid and emblem of the Order.

(5) The sash shall be the regulation sash which the Bro. is entitled to wear.

245. (1) The uniform of Officers of 31st to the 44th grade, both inclusive, shall be similar to those prescribed in Section *two hundred and forty-four* above, except that the color of the plumes, rosette, belt and cuffs shall be cardinal instead of royal blue.

(2) The sash shall be the regulation sash which the Bro. is entitled to wear.

246. (1) The chapeaux of Sir Knights other than those embraced above shall be trimmed with cardinal plumes and rosette of the Order.

(2) The swords shall be in white metal.

(3) The belt shall be of buff leather, with scolloped red border, with white mountings,

(4) For the Illustrious Officers of an Encampment, the belt shall be trimmed with gold braid with gilt mountings.

(5) The sash shall be the regulation sash which the Bro. is entitled to wear.

(6) The cuffs shall be buff leather, with the emblems of the Order, and for the Illustrious Officers, trimmed with gold braid.

247. Every Sir Knight within twenty miles shall attend the funeral of a Bro. Sir Knight; and if he fails to so attend, without a satisfactory excuse, he shall pay to the General Fund of the Encampment the sum of *five* dollars.

AMENDMENTS.

248. This General Law of the Order shall not be altered or amended except a proposition therefor be made in writing or in print, and recommended by one or more High Courts, and entered upon the minutes of the Supreme Court at a regular annual session thereof. Such proposition shall be sent to all High Courts for action thereon. At the next regular annual session of the Supreme Court, after being so offered, if no objections are filed with the Supreme Secretary by any High Court, such proposition shall be considered, and shall be subject to amendment, alteration or postponement by a majority vote of the Officers and members present; and upon its final passage, if agreed to by two-thirds of the Officers and members present, on a call of the *yeas* and *nays*, such proposition shall be declared to be adopted, and the alterations and amendments duly made. If objections to the proposed alteration or amendment are filed with the Supreme Secretary by any High Court, then such proposition to alter or amend shall not be submitted to the Supreme Court for consideration or adoption, but shall be deemed to have been rejected.

SUBORDINATE COURT BY-LAWS.

NAME AND LOCATION.

249. (1) This Court shall be hailed and entitled Court No. of the Independent Order of Foresters.

(2) It shall be located in and before a change of location shall take place, a motion must be made in writing at a regular meeting, when, if two-thirds of the members present approve of the same, it shall be declared carried. The same shall then be submitted to the High Chief Ranger of the jurisdiction, or if not under a High Court to the Supreme Chief Ranger, and if approved, the change shall take place.

TIME OF MEETING.

250. The Court shall hold its regular meetings on the of the month, at the hour of o'clock p.m., between the 1st of April and the 1st of October, and at the hour of o'clock for the balance of the year. The Supreme Chief Ranger, the High Chief Ranger of the jurisdiction, the District Deputy High Chief Ranger, the Court Deputy High Chief Ranger, the Chief Ranger, or, in his absence, the Vice-Chief Ranger, and Secretary may also call special meetings at any time, by giving every member *twenty-four* hours' notice, in which shall be specified the purpose for which the special meeting is called.

FEES AND DUES.

251. (1) The initiation fee shall be dollars, of which the sum of dollar shall be paid to the brother who secures the candidate for initiation.

(2) The annual dues shall be dollars per annum, payable monthly in advance; and the sick and funeral assessments shall be dollars, also payable monthly in advance; or it shall be according to the schedule of rates provided for in Section *one hundred and sixty-two.*

BENEFITS IN SICKNESS.

252. Any member who, from illness, is incapable of following his usual trade or employment (notwithstanding he may continue to carry on, or conduct, the business by his wife, servant, or children), provided such illness has not been brought on by his own intemperance or immorality, or by a wilful violation of the Constitution or Laws of the Supreme Court, shall be entitled to sick benefits at the rate of dollars per week, for a period of weeks, in any one illness, which shall be paid to him weekly during his incapacity, if clear on the books when taken ill.

253. No member shall receive any sick benefits, except attendance of physician, and the care and attendance of the members, or of nurses, until he shall have been *six months* a member of the Order; and shall have paid all dues, fines, endowment assessments, &c., unless he shall pay at initiation a sum equal to *six months'* dues, or unless he is enrolled for the Supreme Court Sick and Funeral Benefits. Any member being declared on the funds shall not be entitled to nor receive benefits until he has been one full week ill. After the first week he shall be paid for the time he is on the funds.

FUNERAL BENEFITS.

254. (1) On the death of a brother who has been a contributing member for *six months*, his widow or nominee shall receive the sum of dollars towards defraying his funeral expenses, and in case the deceased has previously requested it, or at the request or consent of his family or relatives, he may be buried with the rites of the Order.

(2) Providing, that if the death of the brother is caused by his own immorality or misconduct, he may be denied the rites of burial by the Order, at the option of the Court.

SALARY OF PHYSICIAN.

255. The salary of the Court Physician shall be paid by the Court at the end of each quarter.

ADDITIONAL BY-LAWS.

256. (1) A Court may make additional By-laws for itself, or it may amend its By-laws by a two-thirds vote of the members present at a regular meeting, after having been submitted in writing, and entered upon the minutes of a previous regular meeting; provided they do not contravene in anywise the Constitution, Laws, Rules and Regulations ordained by the Supreme Court.

(2) All By-laws, or amendments to same, before becoming law, must have the approval of the Supreme Chief Ranger duly endorsed thereon.

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6. Balloting for Candidates.
7. Initiation of Candidates.
8. Intermission (*during which payments are to be made to the Financial Secretary*).
9. The F. S. will announce the names of all who have been suspended or reinstated since last meeting.
10. Has the Court Deputy any Communications to submit.
11. Reception of Communications generally.
12. Reports of the Sick Committee.
13. Reports of Committees generally.
14. Bills or Accounts.
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18. (Election of Officers.)*
19. Good and Welfare.
20. Closing.

* To be called only at the time of election of Officers.

RULES OF ORDER.

RULE 1.—The Presiding Officer shall decide questions of order without debate, subject to an appeal to the Court by any member, when the question before the Court shall be: "Shall the decision of the Chair be sustained?"

RULE 2.—Any member who shall misbehave himself in the meeting of the Court, disturb the order and harmony thereof, either by abusive, disorderly or profane language, or shall refuse obedience to the Presiding Officer, shall be excluded from the Court-room for the evening, and afterwards dealt with at the pleasure of the Court.

RULE 3.—No member shall be interrupted while speaking, except to call him to order, or for the purpose of explanation.

RULE 4.—If a member, while speaking, be called to order, he shall take his seat until the question of order is determined, when, if in order, he may proceed again.

RULE 5.—Each member, when speaking, shall stand and respectfully address the Chair, confine himself to the question under debate, and avoid all personalities and indecorous language.

RULE 6.—A motion carried in the affirmative, or negative shall not be subject to reconsideration, unless such action shall take place at the same or next regular meeting, and unless the motion is made and seconded by a brother who voted in the majority. A motion to reconsider once decided cannot again be renewed. Every member present entitled to vote must vote, unless excused by vote of the Court.

RULE 7.—If two or more members rise to speak at the same time, the Chief Rangor shall decide which is entitled to the floor.

RULE 8.—A question shall not be subject to debate until it has been seconded and stated from the Chair, and it shall be reduced to writing, at the request of the Presiding Officer.

RULE 9.—Before putting a question, the Presiding Officer shall ask, "Is the Court ready for the question?" If no member rises to speak, he shall rise and put it; and after he rises to put the question, no member shall be permitted to speak upon it.

RULE 10.—When the Presiding Officer is addressing the Court or putting a question, he shall not be interrupted.

RULE 11.—A member shall not speak longer than *five minutes*, nor more than once, on the same question, until all who wish to speak have had an opportunity to do so, nor more than twice without the permission of the Presiding Officer.

RULE 12.—Any member may call for a division of the question when the sense will admit of it.

RULE 13.—When a question is before the Court, no motion shall be in order, except to adjourn, for the previous question, to postpone indefinitely, to postpone for a certain time, to divide, to refer, to recommit, to lay on the table, or to amend.

RULE 14.—On motion, a majority of the Court may order the previous question, which shall be put in this form: "Shall the main question be now put?" and until it is decided it shall preclude all amendments and all further debate.

RULE 15.—A motion to adjourn is always in order, except while another member has the floor, or except when no action or motion has intervened since the last motion to adjourn was made, which motion shall be decided without debate, unless the motion is to adjourn to a stated time.

RULE 16.—A motion to lay on the table, to adjourn simply, to reconsider an undebatable question, for the previous question, to take from the table, are not debatable.

RULE 17.—When a question is indefinitely postponed, it shall not be again acted on during the term.

RULE 18.—Any member may excuse himself from serving on a Committee, if, at the time of his appointment, he is a member of another Committee.

RULE 19.—The first person named on a Committee shall act as Chairman, until another is chosen by the members of the Committee. The mover of a resolution referred to a Special Committee is usually first named thereon.

RULE 20.—The following, or similar Forms, shall be the Code of Procedure observed in trials:

Form No. 10.—Charge and Specifications.

(Date) 18

To Court No. , Independent Order of Foresters—

The undersigned, a member of Court No. , does hereby charge Bro. of Court , No. , with conduct unbecoming a Forester; and the grounds of this charge are more particularly set forth in the following specifications, to wit:

Specification First—That the above-named Bro. , in violation of the Law of the Order, did, on or about the day of , 18 [here state the specification].

Fraternally submitted,
(Signed)

Form No. 11.—Notice to the Accused.

(Date) 18

Bro. :—Inclosed with this notice I transmit copy of charge and specifications preferred against you by Bro. , of Court No. The same was referred to a Committee of [give names]. The officers of said Committee will notify you of the time and place to appear and answer.

Fraternally,
Recording Secretary.

[L.S.]

Form No. 12.—Notice to Attend Trial.

(Date) 18

Bro. :—The Committee on Trial on the charge and specifications preferred by against will meet [give time and place]. You are hereby notified to be present and [sustain, or defend] the cause.

Chairman.
Secretary.

Form No. 13.—Notice of Appeal.

To Court , No. , Independent Order of Foresters [or other tribunal]:

The undersigned hereby appeals to the from the decision of the in the matter of The appeal is taken on the [state grounds of appeal].

Fraternally,
(Signed)

Form No. 14.—[*Place yourself in the attitude of Obligation.*]
To be administered by Chairman of Committee.

You do sincerely declare, upon your honor as a Forester, that the evidence you shall give in the matter of charges preferred by against now pending, shall be the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth. This you do solemnly affirm.

RULE 21.—Forms shall bear the following numbers, viz.:

Form No. 1. Application for Membership.
" " 2. Medical Examination.
" " 3. Monthly Report.
" " 4. Notice to Members of Meetings of Court.
" " 5. Application for Enrolment in Sick and Funeral Benefit Department.
" " 6. Claim for Sick Benefits.
" " 7. Application for Reinstatement.
" " 8. Notice of Reinstatement.
" " 9. Proof of Claim for Endowment.

PRECEDENCE OF OFFICERS.

RULE 22.—The Officers of the Order shall rank and have precedence as follows, viz. :

1. Supreme Chief Ranger.
2. Junior Past Supreme Chief Ranger.
3. Past Supreme Chief Rangers, according to seniority.
4. Supreme Vice-Chief Ranger.
5. Supreme Secretary.
6. Supreme Treasurer.
7. Supreme Physician.
8. Supreme Counsellor.
9. High Chief Rangers, according to seniority.
10. Junior Past High Chief Rangers, according to seniority.
11. Past High Chief Rangers, " "
12. High Vice-Chief Rangers, " "
13. High Secretaries, " "
14. High Treasurers, " "
15. High Physicians, " "
16. High Counsellors, " "
17. Past Supreme Executive Officers, other than P. S. C. Rangers, according to grade and seniority.
18. Past High Standing Committees, other than P. H. C. Rangers, according to grade and seniority.
19. Supreme Auditors.
20. Supreme Chaplain.
21. Supreme Journal Secretary.
22. Supreme Senior Woodward.
23. Supreme Junior Woodward.
24. Supreme Senior Beadle.
25. Supreme Junior Beadle.
26. Supreme Marshal.
27. Supreme Conductor.
28. Supreme Messenger.
29. Representative to Supreme Court.
30. High Auditors.
31. Deputy Supreme Chief Rangers.
32. High Chaplain.
33. High Journal Secretary.
34. High Senior Woodward.
35. High Junior Woodward.

36. High Senior Beadle.
37. High Junior Beadle.
38. High Marshal.
39. High Conductor.
40. High Messenger.
41. Provincial Deputy High Chief Rangers.
42. District Deputy High Chief Rangers.
43. Court Deputy Supreme Chief Ranger.
44. Court Deputy High Chief Rangers.
45. Court Chaplains (Clergymen only).
46. Court Physicians.
47. Chief Rangers.
48. Past Chief Rangers, according to seniority.
49. Vice-Chief Rangers, " "
50. Recording Secretaries, " "
51. Financial Secretaries, " "
52. Treasurers, " "
53. Representatives to High Court, according to seniority.
54. Chaplains (Laymen), according to seniority.
55. Senior Woodwards.
56. Junior Woodwards.
57. Senior Beadles.
58. Junior Beadles.

RULE 23.—The following abbreviations may be used in any official or other document required to be used in connection with the Order:

I. O. F.	for	Independent Order of Foresters.
S. C. R.	"	Supreme Chief Ranger.
P. S. C. R.	"	Past Supreme Chief Ranger.
J. P. S. C. R.	"	Junior Past Supreme Chief Ranger.
S. V. C. R.	"	Supreme Vice-Chief Ranger.
S. S.	"	Supreme Secretary.
S. T.	"	Supreme Treasurer.
S. P.	"	Supreme Physician.
S. C.	"	Supreme Counsellor.
S. Chap.	"	Supreme Chaplain.
S. J. S.	"	Supreme Journal Secretary.
S. S. W.	"	Supreme Senior Woodward.
S. J. W.	"	Supreme Junior Woodward.
S. S. B.	"	Supreme Senior Beadle.
S. J. B.	"	Supreme Junior Beadle.

S. M.	for	Supreme Marshal.
S. Cond.	"	Supreme Conductor.
S. Mess.	"	Supreme Messenger.
S. A.	"	Supreme Auditor.
D. S. C. R.	"	Deputy Supreme Chief Ranger.
C. D. S. C. R.	"	Court Deputy Supreme Chief Ranger
H. C. R.	"	High Chief Ranger.
P. H. C. R.	"	Past High Chief Ranger.
J. P. H. C. R.	"	Junior Past High Chief Ranger.
H. V. C. R.	"	High Vice-Chief Ranger.
H. S.	"	High Secretary.
H. T.	"	High Treasurer.
H. P.	"	High Physician.
H. C.	"	High Counsellor.
H. Chap.	"	High Chaplain.
H. J. S.	"	High Journal Secretary.
H. S. W.	"	High Senior Woodward.
H. J. W.	"	High Junior Woodward.
H. S. B.	"	High Senior Beadle.
H. J. B.	"	High Junior Beadle.
H. M.	"	High Marshal.
H. Cond.	"	High Conductor.
H. Mess.	"	High Messenger.
H. A.	"	High Auditor.
H. Rep.	"	High Representative.
D. D. H. C. R.	"	District Deputy High Chief Ranger.
P. D. H. C. R.	"	Provincial Deputy High Chief Ranger.
C. D. H. C. R.	"	Court Deputy High Chief Ranger.
P. C. R.	"	Past High Chief Ranger.
C. R.	"	Chief Ranger.
V. C. R.	"	Vice-Chief Ranger.
R. S.	"	Recording Secretary.
F. S.	"	Financial Secretary.
T.	"	Treasurer.
S. W.	"	Senior Woodward.
J. W.	"	Junior Woodward.
S. B.	"	Senior Beadle.
J. B.	"	Junior Beadle.
Chap.	"	Chaplain.
P.	"	Physician.
L. B. C.	"	Liberty, Benevolence and Concord.

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